

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Houses For HK

THE introduction on Wednesday of a Bill to establish a statutory Housing Authority was, without doubt, one of the most important legislative steps taken in the Colony's history. It is significant for two things: firstly it represents a new official evaluation of our housing problem; secondly it brings Government into that revolutionary position (for Hongkong) of being a landlord in the fullest sense of the word. Both developments can be welcomed. Private enterprise has certainly made a contribution towards solving part of the Colony's housing problem, but as it has frequently been argued in the past, only Government with its financial resources and ability to spread returns on capital outlay over a lengthy period of years can really tackle on an appropriate scale the question of providing reasonable and healthy accommodation for the underprivileged and lower-income classes. The functions and objectives of the Housing Authority which principally constitutes the Housing Authority, and the responsibilities which they carry will be a challenge to the aptitude and practical efficiency of the Urban Council which principally constitutes the Housing Authority. The necessary funds are available, so too the technical facilities. It will be wholly up to the Housing Authority to get on with the job. And it is suggested that the best results will be obtained if its members concentrate on policy and leave administrative and construction details to the experts. The public's confidence in the housing scheme will depend entirely on the Housing Authority's ability to give it rapid implementation.

ONE effect of the new legislation is to give recognition to the fact that resettlement and housing are inter-related problems, and that they are to be treated as such by the Housing Authority was indicated by the Hon R.B. Black when he declared that the "resettlement and housing programmes will clearly have to be closely co-ordinated, so that when a suitable site for housing is cleared of squatters, permanent development is started without delay." This is one logical reason why the Urban Council, already responsible for a squatter resettlement, should constitute the Housing Authority. One question which may, in due course, be worth the attention of the Authorities is to what extent, if any, the redevelopment of slum areas can be allied with the housing project. It would require the most careful consideration because it would be highly undesirable to adopt any policy capable of frustrating the prime objective of the Housing Authority—that of building low-cost dwelling flats in the quickest time possible. Slum clearance and rational redevelopment of the sites is much to be desired, but this would require a reversal of the situation described by Mr Black when it was found at the end of 1950 that "capital was not being attracted to schemes for the building of flats which could be let at rents within the means of the greater part of our population." In order for it to be something complementary to the official low-cost housing scheme, the unfortunate truth is that Hongkong's acute housing problem cannot be resolved within a brief space of time, but the community will no less welcome the positive move which Government has finally made to ameliorate the position in the quickest possible time.

AIR DISASTER: 37 KILLED

Caused Crowd To Panic

W. Europe Defence Forces Up To Size

Washington, Apr. 8. A Defence Department official said today that Western Europe's defence forces have just about attained the size which was planned when United States rearmament aid was begun. Major-General George C. Stewart, Director of the Office of Military Assistance, predicted that there will not be any further major increases in the size of Europe's forces. "I think they have just about reached the size at which they will level off," he said.

General Stewart testified in the House Foreign Affairs Committee hearings on the new bill to authorise approximately \$3,497,000,000 in military, economic and technical aid for the free world during the coming year. Asked by Committee members how long he believed the military assistance programmes would have to be continued, General Stewart said that he could not make such an estimate.

"If we wanted to just withdraw and leave them on their own to maintain these forces, we could stop it in a couple of years," he said. "The future depends altogether on how fast these countries reach the point of being able to provide their own replacements and so forth. It would be too bad if we cut the programme too soon, so that all that we have built up would just fall apart." In his prepared statement to the Committee, General Stewart said that the programme "has been, is today and will be for some time to come, essential to the security of the United States."

General Stewart listed the following as concrete results of the military aid programmes of the past few years: "Threatened aggression against Turkey has not materialised. Armed aggression against Greece was decisively defeated. The military strength of Japan, Spain and Yugoslavia—to mention a few countries of great importance to the defence of the free world—is now aligned on the side of the United States and its friends; others are taking steps in this direction. "The forces of Latin American countries are being equipped and trained to assist in the defence of the Western Hemisphere. NATO nations have increased their military strength by at least three-fold. "Other countries such as Iran, the Philippines and Thailand have developed sufficient military strength to maintain internal order against subversive elements. "The French Union forces continue to fight in Indo-China to preserve that area from Communist domination. The continuation of this struggle is possible only as a result of the assistance received from the United States."—United Press.

Transport Plane Rammed In Mid-Air NO SURVIVORS

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Apr. 8. Thirty-seven persons were killed today when a student pilot's training plane rammed a four-engine airliner whose pilot tried in vain to avoid the crash.

Thirty-five of the victims were aboard the Trans-Canada Airlines transport. The student pilot also was killed when his plane crashed on a golf course and a cleaning woman died in the house hit by the falling airliner.

The airline pilot saw the tiny plane bearing down on him, tried to manoeuvre his huge craft to safety, and seconds before the crash shouted into his radio: "I can't miss him."

Those were his last words before the trainer slashed into the tail of the "North Star" and sent the airliner crashing into a house only a block from a school where 400 children were attending classes.

The residents of the house were away, but a cleaning woman, hired only this morning, was found dead in the charred ruins of the building.

The four-engine plane, struck in the tail, spiralled into the house at the edge of a golf course, setting the house on fire and scattering wreckage over a two-block area. The homes on either side were heavily damaged.

The TCA plane carried 26 revenue passengers, five company staff members and a crew of four.

The pilot was Captain Ian H. Bell, a veteran who had flown 2,000,000 accident-free miles for TCA. It was the company's first fatal accident in seven years.

Captain Bell, the first officer, D. W. Guthrie, Steward L. Penner and Steward M. L. Quinney were all from Vancouver. The names of the passengers were not released immediately.

Witnesses said they believed the pilot of the trainer plane was trying to make an emergency landing after the collision but he was unsuccessful and crashed. He was found dead in the wreckage.

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COMET PLANE OVERDUE

London, Apr. 8. British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today that a Comet jet airliner, on a flight from Rome to Cairo, is three and a half hours overdue.

The plane was believed to be carrying 14 passengers and a crew of seven. The crew are South Africans. —Reuter.

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Troops and onlookers hang on to the world's largest balloon when it defied all efforts to make it ascend at Bellahol, Copenhagen, recently. The wind was so strong that the giant balloon was forced down to earth time and time again. A crowd of 50,000 were panicky-stricken as it was thought that the balloon might explode—as it contained 2,200 cubic metres of gas. Troops were brought in to control the balloon but eventually it had to be rapidly deflated before it was considered safe.—London Express.

GENERAL MOBILISATION IN CAMBODIA King To Appeal To United Nations

Phnom Penh, Apr. 8. The King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihanouk, today decided to appeal to the United Nations against the Vietminh aggression against Cambodia and to proclaim general mobilisation, it was announced in a communique issued today.

The decisions were taken after the King had conferred yesterday with the French Commissioner-General, M. Maurice Dejean, and the Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, General Henri Navarre.

The communique announced the following decisions: (1) the country will fight Vietminh aggression by all possible means; (2) Cambodia will appeal to the United Nations and all countries in the world on this foreign aggression; (3) general mobilisation is decreed in order to allow Cambodia to assume at the maximum its own defence without appealing to friendly powers; (4) French operational forces stationed in regions threatened by the Vietminh will henceforth be placed under Cambodian command.

The appeal to the United Nations should be interpreted as an appeal to universal conscience rather than as an actual complaint lodged in the Security Council, well-informed sources said here today.

The communique said an appeal would be made to the United Nations concerning Vietminh aggression against Cambodia.

King Norodom Sihanouk today also received the United States Ambassador, Mr Donald Heath, who came on a special visit from Saigon to study the situation.—France-Press.

Vietminh losses. Vietminh attacks left 300 men dead in barbed wire defences around the Vietnamese post at Khaly, 18 miles south of Haiphong, before French Union troops evacuated it two days ago, it was announced here today.

The Vietminh had been attacking the post for eight successive nights when the French High Command decided to send a task force over to help the garrison evacuate it.

Regular and local Communist troops have started skirmishing tactics throughout the Delta and Union troops have started a new mopping-up operation at Sonay, 25 miles north-west of Hanoi.—France-Press.

DONATES BLOOD. Paris, Apr. 8. Madame Christian De Castries, wife of the Commissioner of the Euxine-Elan Phlegion, today stood up at a Hanoi hospital to give her blood for the wounded of the besieged fortress.

A message from Hanoi said she is one of 3,000 people—French Foreign Legionnaires, Vietnamese and North Africans—who have so far given blood.—China Mail Special.

Summer Time. London, Apr. 9. Great Britain changes to summer time on April 11, when all clocks will be put forward one hour.—Reuter.

Hepper Pleads Memory Loss. Have, Apr. 8. William Sanchez De Pilar Hepper, 62-year-old artist charged with murdering an 11-year-old London girl, told Spanish police who arrested him in Spain that he had lost his memory, it was alleged at a preliminary hearing here today.

Hepper is accused of killing Margaret Rose Spivok between February 3 and February 7. The prosecutor, Mr Ryland Thomas, stated that Margaret Spivok was strangled and sexually assaulted on the bed in Hepper's one-room flat in Hove. The pillow was bloodstained.—China Mail Special.

KIKUYU TAKES OATH TO SLAY CHILDREN

Nairobi, Apr. 8. A Kikuyu farm worker, accused of slaying to death the four-year-old son of a Royal Air Force officer, said he had taken the Mau Mau oath and sworn to kill any European child he met, a prosecution witness said at his trial here today.

The accused, 20-year-old Gachuho Kamoni, told the court: "I know they (the Mau Mau) spoiled my head and because of that I went and killed a European child."

Kamoni is charged with murdering Andrew John Stephens in the grounds of his parents' bungalow near Nairobi last Saturday.

When the charge was read out to him, he replied: "I killed him." But the judge ruled that a plea of not guilty should be entered.

African witnesses said they had seen Kamoni, a blood-stained panga (chopping knife) in his hand, chasing African children.

Peter Donovan McEntee, a Kikuyu magistrate, said Kamoni made a voluntary statement.

"When I was on the road, I didn't know I would meet danger and if I have made a mistake I leave it to God to decide."

"I intended to kill the child of this European (Flight-Lieutenant Horace Stephens, of Cornwall) and therefore I have nothing more to say."

"MUST KILL IT."

"I forgot something. After I had taken the Mau Mau oath, I was sworn in to the effect that if I were to meet any European child, I must kill it and not let it go free."

"I was sworn in again that even if it were my brother or a Kikuyu who had not taken the Mau Mau oath, I must kill it."

"Even if it were my father or mother, also if I had a single member of my family who had not taken the oath, I must kill it."

In cross-examination, witness said that the statement was not made in bravado. Accused appeared to know he had done wrong and his mental condition seemed perfectly normal.

When the hearing began Kamoni told the judge he did not want three Kikuyu assessors sworn in to hear the evidence.

"I do not know anything about them. From their eyes I can judge I do not want them," he said.

Andrew's father, Flight-Lieutenant Stephens, was the first of 20 witnesses to be called for the prosecution. He said he had found his son with his head practically severed.

Flight-Lieutenant Stephens, who will leave Mombasa for Britain with his wife and other son tomorrow, was posted in Kenya by the RAF last September.

An African servant said he saw Kamoni "catch" Andrew on the neck with his panga.

A Kikuyu herdsman said he heard Kikuyu children crying. He ran to investigate and saw Kamoni chasing them.

He called two other Kikuyu and they all chased Kamoni, who had blood on his mouth, shirt and feet. He looked like a madman, the herdsman said.

Another African said that in the six months he had known the accused, Kamoni had behaved normally.—China Mail Special.

STOP PRESS

Comet's Last Message

The last message from the overdue Comet airliner received at Naples airport said: "Over Naples—still climbing."

It is officially announced that Sir Miles Thomas, Chairman of the BOAC, has ordered the suspension of all BOAC Comet services throughout the world pending further information on the missing airliner.—Reuter.

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That Woollen Gloves Canard Again

Mr Barnett Janner, a Socialist, asserted in the House of Commons today that many gloves imported into Britain from Hongkong had previously been imported into Hongkong, where their trade marks had been removed and some embroidery added.

After that, new labels marked "Made In Hongkong" had been added.

Mr Janner urged Mr Peter Thornycroft, President of the Board of Trade, to prevent such goods from flooding the market here to the detriment of English manufacturers.

Mr Thornycroft said he had no evidence to support Mr Janner's allegations. If further details could be provided, the matter would be investigated.

Mr Janner said that the quantity of knitted gloves from Hongkong was much in excess of the total manufactured there. The President said he had made close inquiries. If the gloves were made in Hongkong, they would qualify for imperial preference.

Mr Janner later asked what the Government proposed to do to protect British manufacturers from price cutting in knitted woollen gloves imported from the Far East.

Mr Thornycroft replied that he had received complaints that gloves from Hongkong were selling at lower prices than those manufactured in Britain. But he added: "There is no evidence of malpractice in this trade."

Mr Janner said that the imported gloves were "being sold at half the price of the British." Mr Thornycroft said that the House was not so much concerned about the price as whether the gloves were manufactured in Hongkong or not. If they were, the gloves qualified for imperial preference.—Reuter.

Guilty Of Ill-Treating Prisoners

Bonn, Apr. 8. William John Thomas, a Royal Air Force Police Flight Sergeant with 22 years' service, was found guilty today of four charges of ill treating prisoners.

He was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to six months' detention. His findings and sentence are subject to confirmation.

Thomas was convicted of striking two prisoners, Leading Aircraftman James Guy Bellamy and Signaller Alexander McGarry.

He was found guilty also of forcing Bellamy to expose his person, making a derogatory remark, and of offering him a knife, suggesting he cut his throat.

Thomas, a 49-year-old regular with two more years to serve, had pleaded not guilty to all charges.

This is the seventh conviction in a series of Air Force courts martial at Wehrhede air base, near here, probing reports of mass ill treatment in the detention barracks there.

Two junior Corporals, former guards at the prison, go on trial on Friday in the last court martial of the series.

To date, a total of 508 days' detention have been awarded to RAF Police NCOs by the Wehrhede courts martial.—China Mail Special.

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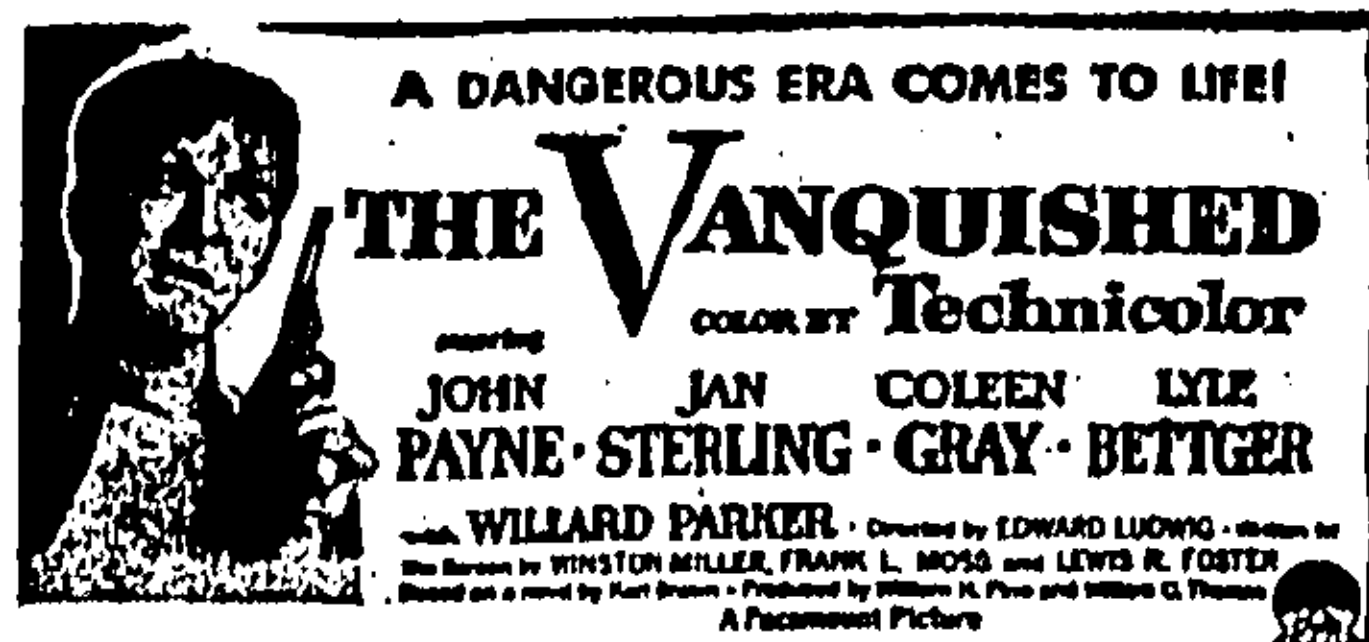


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COMMENCING TO-MORROW

US WARNING ON JAPAN'S
DEFENCESub-Committee's
Appeal For
Realistic Attitude

Washington, Apr. 8.

A House Armed Services Sub-Committee today called on Japan to take a "realistic attitude" toward rearmament with the objective of taking over its own defence eventually.

"The United States cannot be expected to defend the Japanese islands indefinitely," the Sub-Committee said.

The recommendation was one of many included in the Sub-Committee's report on a trip it took last Autumn to the Far East and over much of the rest of the world. The Sub-Committee was headed by Representative Leroy Johnson (Republican, California).

Other highlights of the Far East recommendations were: "The United States should maintain unchanged "for the foreseeable future" its control and administration of the Ryukyu islands, rather than turn them back to Japan, which formerly controlled them. "The Sub-Committee believes that if Japan assumed control over the civil government in the Ryukyus, our defensive position on the islands would be far less secure and dependent entirely on the maintenance of continuous friendly relations with Japan."

A "more specific and definite arrangement" should be made as to United States support of Nationalist China.

Military aid should be continued, but it should be decided soon whether the Formosan forces are to be maintained only for defence or a possible invasion force to attack the mainland.

"In the former event, it is probably a safe assumption that some manpower limits will need to be imposed..."

NOT COMPATIBLE
Korean rehabilitation should be continued, but "it is feared that unrealistic planners may, in their ardour, seek to force the Korean people into an economic mould in which they are not compatible..."

"Because of the military situation existing, the sub-Committee views with alarm many of the extravagant plans being considered for the rehabilitation of Korea."

On the question of Japanese defences, the sub-Committee noted that America dictated the Japanese constitution, which prohibited rearmament. It had been said the Japanese are not "psychologically ready" to rearm.

"However, the sub-Committee doubts that sufficient efforts are being made by the Japanese Government to change Japanese thinking on this matter," the report asserted. "On the other hand, the opinion of the United Nations commander was that a major reason for the Japanese attitude was an economic one and that the time has now come when the Japanese should handle their own obligations."

"It was his opinion that Japan needed an army of 10 divisions of ground troops, with suitable balancing forces of other services."

The sub-Committee described Japan's economic position at present as "false and not tenable."

RIGID AUSTERITY
"It is most necessary for the country to implement a rigid austerity programme," said the report. "The sub-Committee recognises that the journey toward economic recovery for Japan will be a long and painful one because of the loss of her empire and its natural resources and of much of her trade."

"However, what is most desirable is that the Japanese recognise that they must help themselves and not rely too heavily on the present temporary flow of American expenditures in Japan."

"Furthermore, if the Japanese wish to enter into world trade, they should recognise that it is an absolute necessity to set up and maintain high quality standards in the goods they wish to trade."

"Japan should rearm in order to defend itself. It must also share the burden with the other countries of the free world."

The sub-Committee dealt briefly with the conflict between Japan and Korea over fishing rights and expressed the opinion, "The problem could have very serious results on the peace of Asia and certainly on understanding must be concluded between President Rhee and the United Nations."

—United Press.

Calcutta, Apr. 8.
Calcutta scientists are watching a Geiger counter at the Nuclear Physics Institute to check if radioactive dust is blown over from hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific.

Dust samples are being collected from the atmosphere in co-operation with airlines operating on inland routes; wings of aircraft have been sprayed with an adhesive substance to collect dust for examination. —Reuters.

The decision to confiscate this property which was formerly owned by thousands of individuals and overseas companies is one which was taken hastily in the hot aftermath of the war. The theory was that the property would constitute America's share in war reparations.

"However, justifiable the collection of reparations may be, the collection of them from private owners because they happened to own property in this country, runs counter to the laws of intercourse between civilized nations. It is also a violation of America's deep historical respect for private property." —Reuters.

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Moira Shearer
In Films Again

Moira Shearer, the beautiful red-headed ballerina, has started work at Shepperton Studios, on one of the films she is making for Sir Alexander Korda. In this film, "The Man Who Loved Redheads," directed by Harold French, Moira is given the chance to prove that she is a fine straight actress as well as being one of the world's leading ballerinas. She plays the roles of Daphne, Olga, Collette, and Sylvia from entirely different characters, and the story is of a man's search for his ideal woman and of the double life he leads. The picture shows Mark St. Neots (John Justin) meeting Daphne (Moira Shearer) on the top of a London bus (Period 1917). —Reutersphoto.

Two Youthful
Spies
SentencedBerlin, Apr. 8.
Two West Berlin youths described by a British judge as "dangerous spies" were sentenced to two years' imprisonment by a British military government court here today for trying to obtain British military information for an agent in East Berlin. They are Joachim Sievert, 19, and Hans Heimgart, 18.

Both were convicted on two charges of conspiring to endeavour to obtain information, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Allied forces and unauthorised acquisition of British military training manuals.—China Mail Special.

The British
Don't
UnderstandLondon, Apr. 8.
Britons do not yet fully understand the meaning of the British Commonwealth, or their responsibilities as citizens of the United Kingdom and the Colonies, this year's report of the Imperial Institute stated.

Because it thinks that many people are ready to exploit this ignorance, the Institute will press for additional Government grants to increase its work in British schools.

The Imperial Institute maintains a permanent exhibition, shows films and promotes lectures on Commonwealth and Colonial subjects in a West London building constructed to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign.

Its report said that the British Government provided £16,000 for the Institute's work in 1953-54. Commonwealth Governments and dependent territories subscribed £8,478.

Ten-Year Plan To Restore
Crumbling
Walls Of Westminster Abbey

London, Apr. 8.

A ten-year plan to restore crumbling Westminster Abbey was announced here today.

The 700-year-old Abbey, in which scores of famous kings, statesmen, poets and writers have been buried, will get a thorough face lift, paid for by people all over the world who contributed to the Coronation year's "Save The Abbey Fund."

An attack will be made on the "death watch" beetle, which is now nibbling at the roof of the nave. Wet rot will be removed. The thick lead sheets on the roof, which were laid 220 years ago, will be stripped, recast and relaid.

Stonework, which has been eaten away by London's smog-laden atmosphere, will be replaced. Windows, last repaired in the time of Sir Christopher Wren, about 250 years ago, will be reglazed.

Immediately after Easter, the Jerusalem Chamber, probably the finest example of a medieval room in Britain, will be closed. It was in this room that Henry IV died while Henry V stood in front of the fireplace and tried on the crown for size.

Elaborate scaffolding has already been erected 100 feet up on the south side of the nave and the west side of the transept. For the first time in the Abbey's history, an electric hoist has been installed for raising and lowering the stone.

FINISHED BY 1964
Masons have begun work on two parapets—rusted in a dangerous condition—whose stone had crumbled.

Large pieces had fallen away. One of the parapets has a deep fracture and has started to lean inwards. It has been supported by wooden props, which have kept it from crashing into the roof.

The restoration work is expected to be completed by 1964. More than £970,000 has been raised from voluntary contributions. The goal is £1,000,000.

The announcement was made at a Press conference called by the Burmese Minister in the absence of the Burmese Parliament which was not in session. A similar announcement was made in New Delhi in an Indian Government statement to the Indian Parliament.

Burma had at first agreed to ship 900,000 tons of rice to India at a sliding scale of from £50 to £48 per ton for three years. The Burma Government has now decided to ship the entire amount during 1954 at an average price, with £13 out of each ton sold earmarked towards repaying old liabilities to India.

When Burma was separated from India in 1937 she owed India about \$100,000,000, payable at three per cent annual interest. Because of the war payments, this debt fell behind by a total of about \$120,000,000 by 1945.

Subsequent negotiations between the two Governments whitened the debt down where by India cancelled half of its claims and waived interest payments.

Burma also owes Pakistan about \$20,000,000 arising from property transfers by the British and Indian Governments after the partition.

U Tin termed the new agreement mutually satisfactory, adding that it was "gratifying" to have reached agreement on such difficult problems.—United Press.

Paris, Apr. 8.
The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation announced today that Admiral Sir George Creasy would succeed Admiral Sir John Edleston as Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the English Channel and the southern sector of the North Sea in September of this year.

Admiral Sir George Creasy will also succeed Admiral Sir John Edleston as the Commander-in-Chief of the British naval forces in Portsmouth.

Sir George Creasy was the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet and Deputy chief of staff of the British naval forces. He occupied several important posts during World War II.—France-Press.

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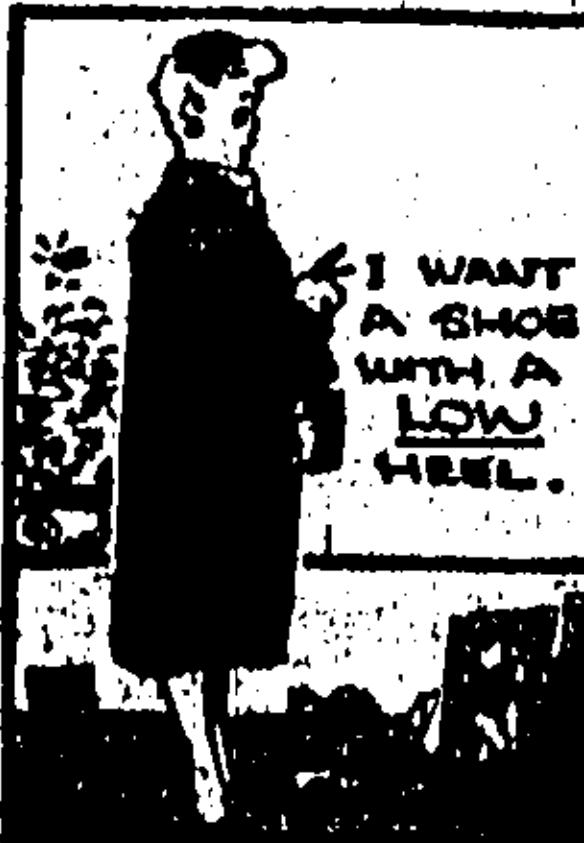


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INDIA'S CALL TO BAN H-BOMB PUT

US Wants Settlement In Egypt

Washington, Apr. 8. A House Armed Services sub-committee today reported its hope that the Anglo-Egyptian problem would be promptly settled "because Egypt should be formally aligned with the free nations of the West".

The sub-committee, headed by Representative Leroy Johnson (Republican), visited Egypt during a tour of the Far East, Near East and Europe last autumn. It made a formal report to the full committee today.

"The fundamental problems faced by Egypt are in the social and economic spheres and stem from the disproportion between arable land and population."

"Although no quick or easy solution to Egypt's problems is discernible, it appears that a Nile Valley development programme, including construction of additional dams and irrigation works, offers the best hope. This will require extensive outside financing, as well as technical direction, and would also require co-operation from other countries through which the Nile River flows."

The report said the Communist Party was outlawed in Egypt and the present government "is fully alive to the potential dangers presented" by the Communists.

"Our relations with the present Egyptian government are friendly and the sub-committee understands why this is so," it said. "The new Egyptian government co-operates closely with this country on problems of mutual interest."

"The sub-committee inspected the Egyptian armoured and artillery schools located in the outskirts of Cairo and the infantry school at Almozai. It is felt that Egyptian ground forces must be ranked high in morale. However, they are lacking in equipment."

"They are armed with old and obsolescent material, mostly of British origin. It is noteworthy that they do the best possible with what they have."—United Press.

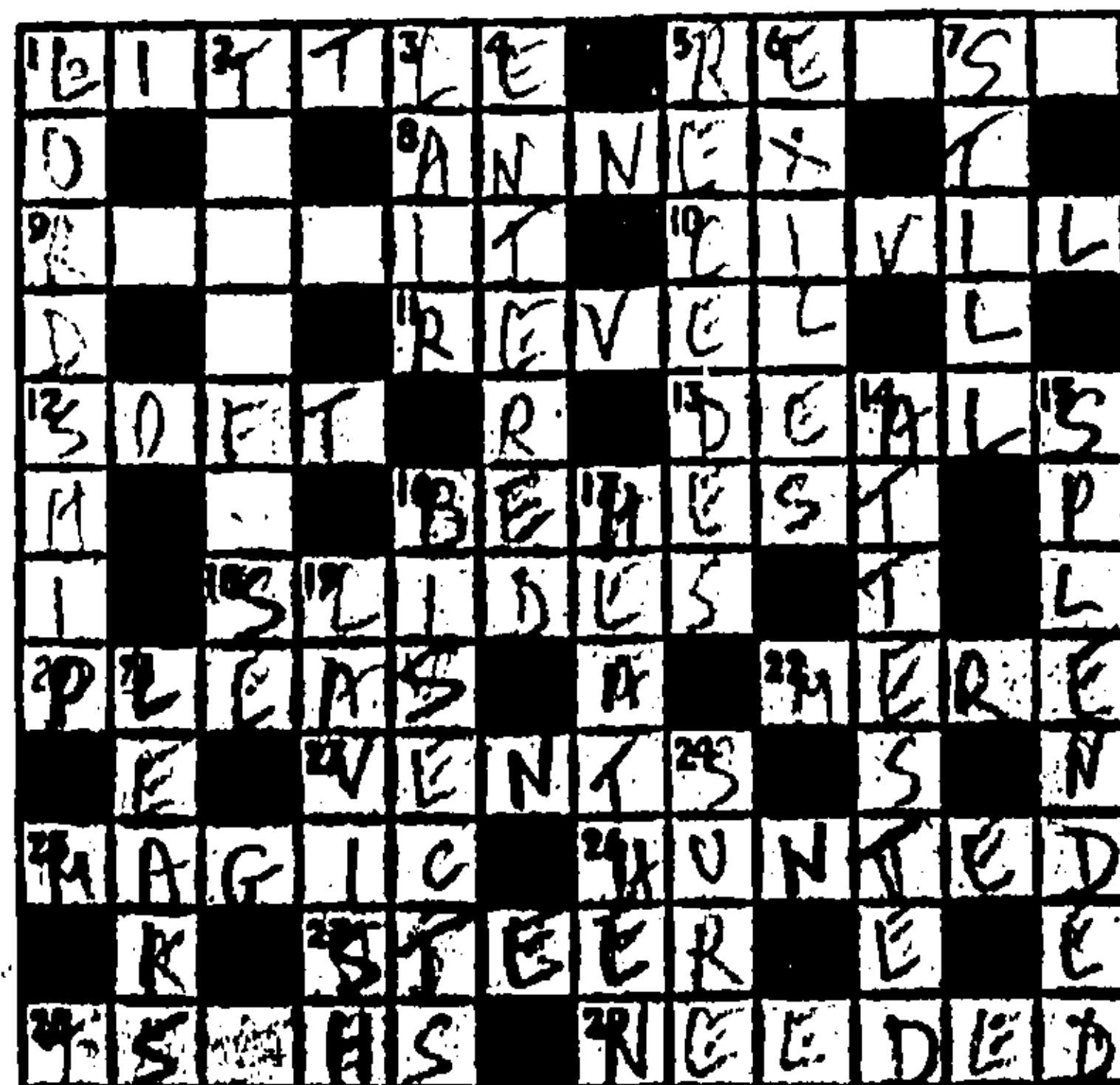
Old Sculpture Found

London, Apr. 8. One of the earliest forms of sculpture, a 7,000-year-old genuine skull plastered over into the likeness of a living person, was exhibited today for the first time at London's British Museum.

It was found at the site of Biblical Jericho. One side of the face and nose have crumbled, but the other softly modelled cheek and forehead appear to represent a young person.

The eyes are inset with sea shells with a split in the centre to suggest the pupil. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Titled (8).
 - 2 Rabbit (6).
 - 3 Vine (5).
 - 4 Distill (5).
 - 5 Fumes (5).
 - 6 Take over (5).
 - 7 Poor player (6).
 - 8 Courteous (6).
 - 9 Carousal (5).
 - 10 Kind (4).
 - 11 Dribbles (5).
 - 12 Command (6).
 - 13 Slips along (6).
 - 14 Excuses (5).
 - 15 Lake (4).
 - 16 Outlets (5).
 - 17 Witchcraft (5).
 - 18 Chased (6).
 - 19 Guide (5).
 - 20 Legends (5).
 - 21 Required (6).

Hen Lays Radioactive Egg

London, Apr. 8. A hen has just laid Britain's first radioactive egg. The egg is literally worth its weight in gold, according to a scientist at the £500,000 Radio Chemical Centre at Amersham.

It will help scientists to investigate such things as the cause of asthma and how the body builds its resistance to infectious disease. The egg was no accident.

Research workers used radioactive carbon dioxide sent to them from a plutonium bomb plant in North-West England to grow the minute organisms that are found in pond scum. The organisms became radioactive and the protein derived from them was mixed in a bread pill and fed to the hen.

A spokesman at the Centre said: "The first egg laid by the hen after its meal showed no reaction to tests, but the second one contained a lot of radioactivity. After that, the amount of radioactivity started dropping off." — China Mail Special.

Expects Italy And France To Ratify EDC

Washington, Apr. 8. The United States Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Mr Livingston Merchant, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today he believed France and Italy would ratify the European Defence Community treaty.

He made the statement on the proposed \$3,500,000,000 American foreign aid programme for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1954.

He urged Congress to vote on the programme earmarked for military aid to the United States allies.

These include \$630,000,000 for military aid, and \$122,000,000 for American participation in the construction of airfields and other military installations in Europe.—France-Press.

WAVE OF STRIKES

Rome, Apr. 8. The Communist leader of Italy's biggest Labour Federation, Signor Giuseppe Di Vittorio, tonight forecast a wave of strikes in an effort to prevent Italian ratification of the European Defence Community treaty.

The Italian Government of Signor Mario Scelba, a coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Liberals, recently sent the EDC bill to Parliament, where it may also count on the support of the Republicans.

BEFORE U.N. Seeks Cancellation Of All Tests Pending A Decision

United Nations, Apr. 8. India formally put before the United Nations Disarmament Commission today the proposals of Prime Minister Mr J. Nehru, calling for a cancellation of test explosions of all nuclear weapons pending a United Nations decision to ban their production and use entirely.

The 12-nation Commission will meet tomorrow under mounting pressure of world opinion to seek to control the hydrogen bomb and other weapons of mass destruction.

Late today, Mr Rajeshwar Dayal, India's chief delegate, asked the Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, to distribute to all members of the Commission copies of a speech made by Mr Nehru last Friday.

Mr Nehru put forward a four-point plan which:

(2) Called upon the atomic powers to cancel test explosions of nuclear weapons while the U.N. sought means to ban their production and use entirely.

(2) Urged that his proposal be considered at "immediate and continuing" U.N. disarmament meetings.

(3) Proposed that the atomic powers publicise fully "known and unknown but probable" effects of atomic and hydrogen explosions.

(4) Suggested "active steps" by non-atomic powers to bring an end to experiments with nuclear weapons.

Mr Dayal asked Mr Hammarskjöld to put the Nehru plan before the Disarmament Commission because India is not a member of the group which meets tomorrow.

Delegates from 12 countries will attend the meeting which was called at the request of the United States, Britain and France.

LITTLE HOPE

The Commission has not met since last August 20, when its work was suspended as a result of Russia's refusal to accept a Western plan for a world arms "census" as the first stage of a system of "regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments".

There was little to indicate hope for more success now, except the fear which has swept the world since the devastating results of the latest series of American hydrogen bomb explosions in the Pacific were disclosed.

The Commission comprises the members of the U.N. Security Council plus Canada, the latter included as a permanent member because of its part in World War II atomic development.

Delegates from the United States, Russia, Britain, France, Nationalist China, Canada, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, the Lebanon, New Zealand and Turkey will attend the meeting. —United Press.

New Underwater TV Camera

London, Apr. 8. A portable underwater television camera with a buoyancy weight of one pound and easily handled by a diver or swimmer for inspecting ships was demonstrated in London today to Naval architects and Marine engineers.

The camera, 24 inches long 10 inches wide, was the first used by the Royal Navy three years ago to identify and study damage to the British submarine Affray, which was lost in the English Channel.

Lieutenant Commander Jack Bathurst said today its use would save much time and money in deciding on repairs to ships.—China Mail Special.

UK Unions Accept Pay Offer

Shipbuilders' Wage Dispute Ends

London, Apr. 8.

Union leaders of more than three million shipbuilding, engineering and railway workshop workers in York today decided by a 3-1 vote to accept a six per cent pay rise offer.

This decision, reached at an executive meeting of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, ended Britain's most prolonged and bitter post-war industrial dispute.

The increases affect more than three million engineering workers in four thousand factories, about 250,000 shipyard employees and 110,000 men employed in the workshops of British railways.

The pay rises mean an extra six shillings and six pence to eight shillings and six pence a week for the workers according to their skills.

Total cost of the rises to the employing bodies will exceed 70 million sterling a year.—Reuter.

PARDON FOR NAZI DIPLOMAT

Paris, Apr. 8.

Otto Abetz, German wartime diplomatic representative in France, who was sentenced to 20 years hard labour in 1949, is to be released shortly under a pardon signed by President Rene Coty, authoritative quarters said here tonight.

Abetz, key figure of German diplomacy in occupied France from 1940 until 1944, will leave his prison within the next three or four weeks, according to informed quarters.

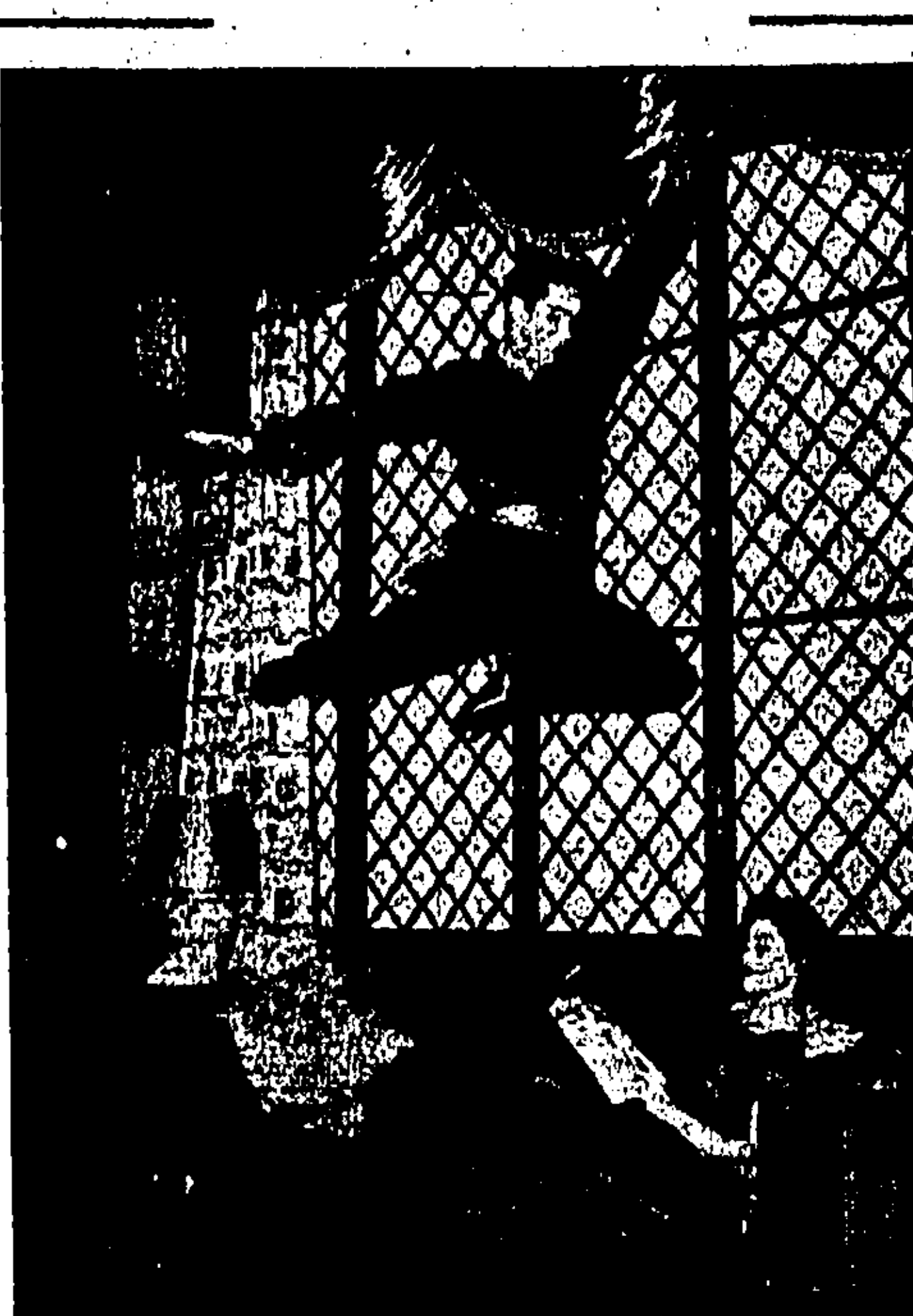
The Paris military tribunal sentenced Abetz to 20 years hard labour in July 1949 for complicity in murder, unlawful imprisonment and looting.—Reuter.

Berlin, Apr. 8.

An informed source said that the East German Government was preparing to move out of Berlin the whole of the headquarters staff of the East German para-military police. This source said a great number of buildings had been constructed on a former airfield near Strausberg some 25 miles east of Berlin.

The para-military police headquarters in Berlin at the moment are spread over several buildings throughout the city.—France-Press.

Aerial Dancers For London



Harold Lang ('Joey'), flies over Carol Bruce ('Mrs Simpson') at a dress rehearsal of the new musical show 'Pal Joey', which opened at the Princes Theatre, London, last week. Harold and Carol, both Americans, have been a Broadway hit as an "aerial dancing team".

Court Action To Decide:

Who Is The Most Beautiful Woman In Vienna

Vienna, Apr. 8. Two mink-coated women sat glowering at each other in a Vienna court today as the judge called on to decide which was the more beautiful—finally sighed "I can't stand this any more."

He said he would give his decision later—in writing.

The rival beauties before him were dark, slender Miss Felicitas Goebel, 23, and tall, blonde Christine Zeller Schoemig.

The judge, Dr Franz Sekeszy, must decide whether Miss Goebel is entitled to back pay of 4,200 Schillings (nearly £60) from Mr Harold Koeller, who fired her as a mannequin last year.

Miss Goebel says she was chosen "Miss Vienna 1953" and with four other mannequins was taken to Hamburg by Koeller last year for a fashion show.

But one of the other girls, Miss Zeller Schoemig (who later married Koeller) was pictured in a Hamburg newspaper as "the most beautiful girl in Vienna."

Miss Goebel in quick defence of her title protested and the newspaper published a correction next day.

Mr Koeller, equally quick to the defence of Miss Zeller Schoemig, fired Miss Goebel. The present action for back pay is a sequel.

Judge Sekeszy postponed his verdict today amid a welter of charges and counter-charges. He sighed: "This is too silly. Who is 'Miss Vienna' anyway? Sometimes I begin to think I am." —China Mail Special.

US Official Says:

'Chinese Nationalists Should Be Used In Indo-China'

Washington, Apr. 8. The head of the American military aid programme, Major-General George Stewart, today suggested Chinese Nationalist troops should be used to counter-balance "Communist China's ambitions" in Indo-China.

In a statement to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, he said the Chinese Nationalist forces on Formosa acted as a "restraining influence against any aggressive designs of the Chinese Communist forces."

He believed that the continuation of the fight in Indo-China was made possible only due to aid received from the United States.

General Stewart was explaining the administration's request for \$1,550,000,000 (about £604,000,000) for military aid out of President Eisenhower's new \$3,500,000,000 (about £1,250,000,000) foreign aid programme.

He said the continuation of the bitter battle in Indo-China was possible only as a result of the assistance received by the French and associated forces from the United States.

The United States had shipped or earmarked for its global allies over 7,000 fighters and fighter-bombers, the vast majority of them jet planes.

But aircraft procurement would drop next year except for all weather jet fighters, he added.

General Stewart said the United States had supplied over 13,000 light and medium tanks to allies, over 200,000 transport vehicles and hundreds of thousands of small arms.

There had been no "undue hardship" yet from the law passed by Congress last year withholding 50 per cent of arms earmarked for Europe until the European Defence Community was ratified.—Reuter.

America Watching For Polar Invasion

Washington, Apr. 8. The Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, said today survey work for a new Canadian-United States radar warning chain across the coast of North America to detect aircraft coming over the Polar gap "is already well advanced."

This new system is north of the "pinetree chain" of aircraft warning stations started four years ago.

Mr Wilson announced that a warning system over the northern Atlantic and Pacific Oceans was being built up.—Reuter.

No Reds At Red Cross Meeting

Geneva, Apr. 8. Russia was absent today as the International Red Cross Conference met to bring the Geneva Convention up to date in the Hydrogen bomb age.

Red Cross officials refused to say whether the Communist delegates made any explanation for not showing up or whether they acknowledged their invitation.

Observers offered these theories for the Communist failure to attend:

The Communists feel that their propaganda for an absolute world-wide ban on nuclear weapons would be blunted if they helped draft an agreement to protect non-combatants if somebody did drop an H-bomb.

The Communists are waiting for the present conference to decide on some approach which might be the basis for future talks.

Because the talks have been kept secret, the Communists have not attended as they offer no opportunity for making propaganda.

Red Cross officials have insisted on secrecy on the grounds that the Red Cross's "neutral position must not be discredited" by political propaganda.

And so the talks go on among experts in law, medicine and welfare from the United States, Britain, Japan, Belgium, France, Finland, India, Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands.

But until representatives from the Communist world show up at present or future talks, they will be just talks.—United Press.

The Garrison Players

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Aeronautical Expert Says:

Comet's Engines Appeared To Have Nothing To Do With Crash

London, Apr. 8. The Chief Aeronautical Adviser to the Minister of Civil Aviation, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, said today the engines appeared to have nothing to do with the crash of a Comet jetliner off Elba on January 10.

All 35 people on board lost their lives in the Comet disaster in the Mediterranean.

He was discussing the use of underwater television in salvaging the wreckage of the Comet at a conference of Naval architects.

He said the recovery of the engines—already salvaged—would be of the greatest use.

"We have to strip them down at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough and examine them carefully—but from what we have seen, the engines appeared to have had nothing to do with this unfortunate accident," he said.

Sir Frederick Bowhill said the use of underwater television had enabled the British Royal

Navy to retrieve more than sixty per cent of the Comet.

Though much of the wreckage had yet to be examined carefully—some of it under the microscope—the evidence so far was negative. "But even negative evidence is of the greatest use," he said.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERT TOUR

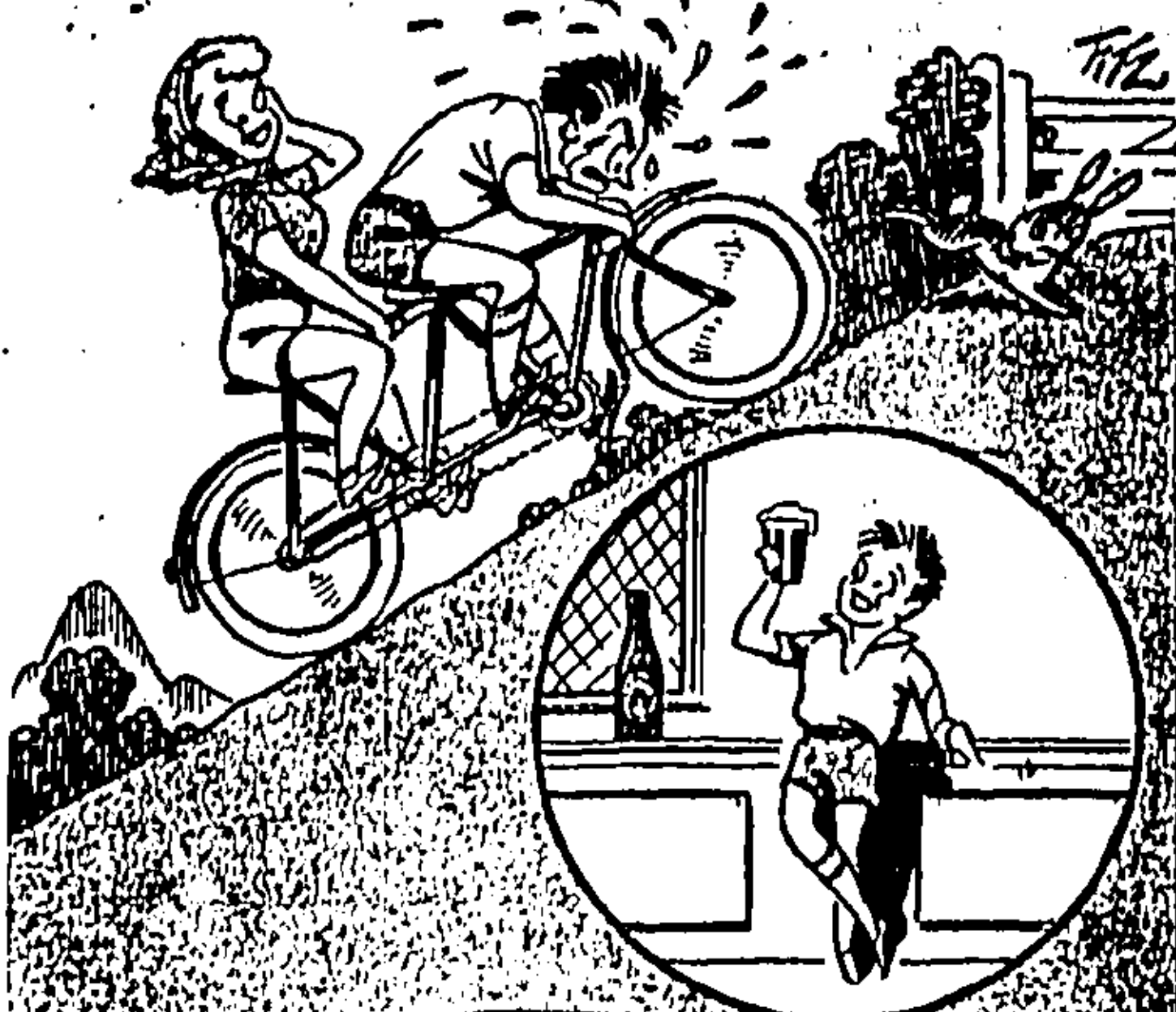
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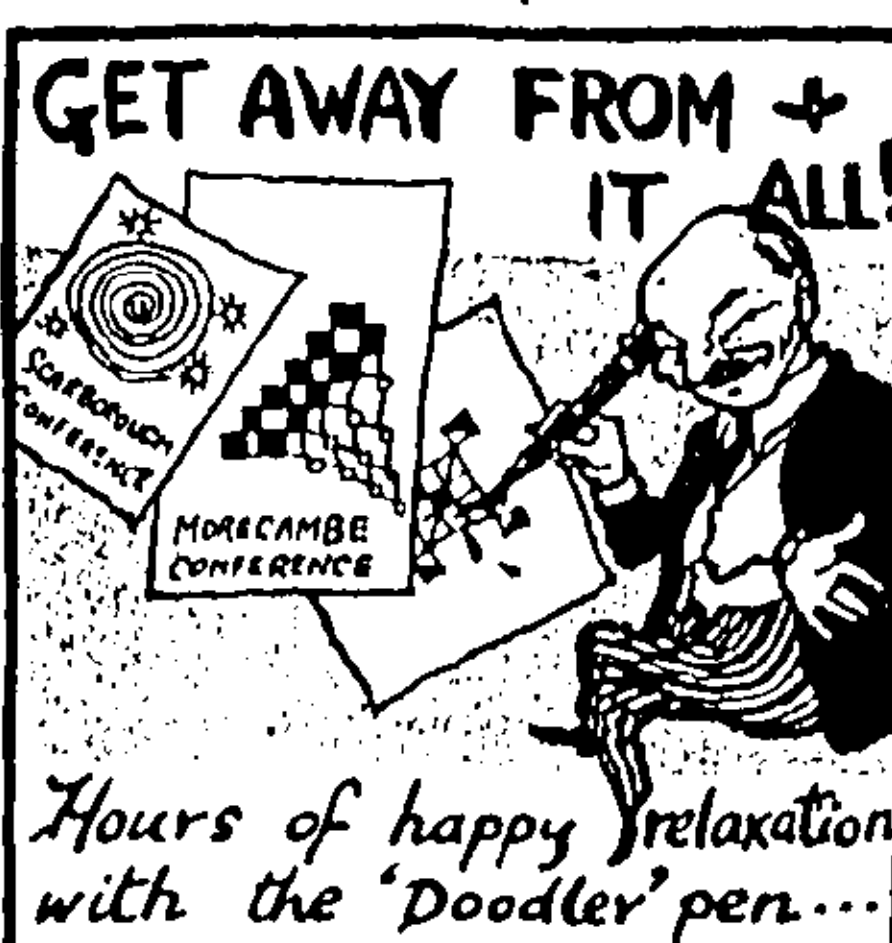


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Hinduism Shapes A Five-Year Plan

By **JAMES WICKENDEN**

Delhi. THROUGH Himalayan mists the sun rises to paint the snows purple and rose-pink, before lighting the burnt earth and splendid ruins of India.

Dawn etches black shadows of scrawny bullocks dragging wooden ploughs, whose furrows scratch the senseless patchwork of little fields.

Acrid smoke spirals from coddling, burning under cooking pots instead of feeding the hungry folk.

Emaciated cows, sacred and unhindered, nibble the frizzled grass, to give a cup of watery milk in return.

At chilly nightfall, drums begin to beat in the worship of gods whose dancing postures glimmer in the darkness of wayside temples.

As harvest time draws near, anxious eyes search the sides for signs of rains that often come too late. And when the crops are finally reaped, the Indian peasant will have scraped from his acre less than any farmer in the world.

acres will receive a steady supply of water.

The Community projects are spreading their influence in 10,000 villages. On the face of it, the planners are succeeding.

But now, there are signs that India may not be able to carry through her ambitious projects.

Some of the problems are economic, but the greatest are psychological.

No Money

IN the first place, India cannot find the money needed to complete the Plan.

When the Plan was launched it was known that funds, including foreign loans, fell short of its cost by £500 million.

It was hoped that higher taxation would help to fill this gap. But the Korean war prosperity is over.

And inflation, partly due to existing taxes, is so great that this year millions cannot buy rice from India's first bumper crop for years.

Also, the cost of the dams is rising above estimates, and the gap is growing.

Foreign loans to the order of £500 million are unprecedented. And India's attitude to the West does not invite more assistance.

Governmental aid is discouraged by Nehru's self-appointed role, in foreign affairs, of the Ivory tower pontiff.

Private investment is put off by the fear of thinly veiled hints of nationalisation.

The Conflict

ALSO, investors resent the hostility of Indian business, whose influence in India's Government is strong.

Recently a British soap firm was refused permission to modernise its factory, lest Indian concerns feel the blast of competition.

So with one hand, India reaches for assistance; with the other, pushes it away.

This conflict arises from Nehru's own personality, and

the pride of a nation conscious of new-found independence. Equally serious is the mental attitude of all classes of Indians towards the burden of progress.

In the Government there is no longer the energy to stir the people to greater efforts. In the extravagantly British-planned red stone buildings of New Delhi, files pile up and are pushed from one office to another.

Voices drone aimlessly behind screens kept cool by water splashed upwards now and again by a half-naked servant.

The people are losing confidence. In a recent poll in Delhi, less than half those questioned thought the Plan would succeed. Corruption, they said, would sap the national effort.

The stolid peasants are unimpressed by new laws. They say that instead of landlords removed by Delhi, they now have officials. Despite legislation against the Hindu caste system, 85 millions—nearly a quarter of India's peoples—are still degraded Untouchables.

Ray Of Hope

BUT in this gloomy picture there is an unexpected ray of hope. Hinduism is on the march again. It may prove to be the spiritual stimulant India needs for her great tasks.

In his pilgrimage through hundreds of miles of jungle and plain, Vinoba Bhave, Gandhi's disciple and would-be successor, is persuading landholders to give away millions of acres to landless peasants.

Sitting meekly on the ground and allowing himself to be beaten by angry priests, he is even succeeding in his campaign against caste.

This vigorous growth of a Gandhian tradition may be a truer glimpse to India's path than the faltering steps of the bureaucrats.

Perhaps after six centuries of paternal foreign rule, first by the Moghuls then the British, India is finding her real character.

It is likely to be different from the India the world has hitherto known. In the marriage between Hinduism and Planning, Hinduism may be transformed—and yet become the dominant partner.

BIGGER BOMBS BUT NOT BETTER MEN

By **Les Armour**

London. SIXTY serious crimes are committed every hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year in the United Kingdom.

The "great crime wave" may be slightly past its peak; there are signs that it is "levelling out." But it is still a mighty current of violence, scheming and attacks on persons and property.

This year, if current trends continue, the police records will show almost twice as many serious crimes (indictable offences) as similar records showed in 1939.

And, even in 1939, crimes were on the increase. The wave began as far back as 1930. Until last year, there was no sign of any abatement.

The present "levelling" may be only a pause. Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Home Office Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, warned recently: "We cannot yet say with any confidence that the upward trend has ceased."

Before The War

WORSE, the Home Office is as baffled by the crime waves as the rest of us.

Is it due to the war? Sir Hugh says no. It was well under way before the war.

Is it due to the waywardness of today's youth? Sir Hugh says no again. "The rate of increase of offences by children under 17 almost exactly parallels the increase in crime committed by their elders."

The rate has increased uniformly. Women criminals, even though they are only one-twentieth of the total criminal population, account for the same proportion as they did before the wave started.

Crimes of violence have increased in much the same proportion as other crimes, though the crimes showing the greatest increases are larceny and housebreaking.

So it is not that Britons have become more "violent."

Is it, then, that offenders are treated more lightly? Not likely. In the unenlightened days when criminals were hanged for minor offences, minor offences were probably more prevalent than they are today.

Moreover, British law now has a wide array of weapons at its disposal.

Crimes Go On

THERE are probation officers to look after those who have strayed only once or twice from the path of virtue. There are "detention centres" where young toughs are given a "stiff jolt."

There are "preventative detention" prisons where old lags get a long rough ride. There are prisons where the emphasis is on education, and "approved schools" where every kind of "treatment" in between is meted out.

That is a sadly vague phrase. But it means that the real reason for the wave is probably that too few people believe in anything beyond their own whims and desires.

It means the churches have not rammed home their lessons; that schools have fallen down on the job; that parents have stumbled.

It means that, having got through the industrial revolution, Britain needs a moral revolution. In common with most of the rest of the world.

We can make bigger bombs but not, apparently, better men.

Those who merit a tough time get one. Those who can be reformed are reformed. But, still the crimes go on—60 every hour, 365,000 every year. And the police catch up with only half of them.

Perhaps, in the long run, all these measures will have their effect.

Moral Revolution

BUT Sir Hugh is more than doubtful. "The problem of crime... can only be solved by the sanction of higher moral values in every walk of life."

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FAME REACHES HER AT 75

From **Donald Ludlow**

New York.

TO A WOMAN of 75, Dr Lillian Moller Gilbreth, who gave a lecture to 800 business executives in London last month, goes the coveted Washington award for leadership in engineering.

She is the first woman to receive it, and her name now stands with those of Herbert Hoover, Orville Wright, and Henry Ford.

Gilbreth—does the name ring at all? Well, Mrs Gilbreth, mother of 11, was the heroine of that giddy true life best-seller about a large family, "Cheaper by the Dozen." Myrna Loy took her part in the film.

EARLIER in her career Dr Gilbreth encountered all sorts of snubs and opposition.

Today the American industry is clamouring for women engineers, says Professor Lois McDowell, of Illinois Institute of Technology—"30,000 jobs going this year and little hope of filling them," she tells her girl students.

SURPRISE for those who sneer at America's culture: Three times more people (12,000,000) go to art galleries and museums than to baseball matches; and there are 4,000,000 more Sunday painters than there are golfers.

Lewis Galanter, art critic, author, and playwright, produced the figures.

What is more, he says, sales of artists' supplies have jumped from 3,000,000 dollars (\$1,071,000) a year in 1940 to 50,000,000 dollars (\$17,857,000).

THAT Congress shooting is still worrying President Eisenhower's guards.

They have got him to agree to do no more painting on the White House lawn; now they want him to stop his golf practice. But this he is resisting strongly.

DO YOU have trouble backing your car out of a narrow driveway?

Garage builders here are installing turntables like those used for railway engines.

Press a button—and the car swings round.

HANDSOME neighbour Martin Block took pretty Mrs Betty Gottlieb of Highland Park, Illinois, in his arms and said: "I'll show you how Rudolph Valentino (1895-1926) kissed 'em."

Now Mrs Gottlieb is suing him for \$10,000. She says he injured her spine and damaged her nervous system.

SPACE TRAVEL? Cowboy rides? TV thrillers? No, none of these is the secret dream of the typical New York City child.

Mrs Jean Shick Grossman, of the Play Schools Association, queried hundreds of children, all flat-dwellers. Their secret dream—a two-storey house.

They gave three reasons: (1) to slide down the banisters; (2) to have a room of one's own; (3) to have a garden to play in.

A WOMAN constituent complains to Congressman Charles Howell: "I await with impatience the day our scientists quit making bigger, more terrible bombs, and get down to conquering poison ivy, honyewald, and ragweed on a national scale. You think you can do something about it?"



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THEY KICKED AHEAD AND
LOST SIGHT OF THE BALLWater, Water Everywhere And
More From The Clubhouse

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening, in the midst of a tropical downpour, the Club and the Bank finally met in their annual rugby match which, this year, was played for the first time in local history under floodlights. The final result was a draw with each side scoring one penalty goal to make the score three points to three.

The pitch was completely flooded, but this did not deter the hardy warriors though it had obviously deterred many of the spectators. However, those spectators who did turn out enjoyed themselves for this turned out to be one of the funniest games ever seen.

With the waterlogged pitch the players skidded all over the place, sometimes for quite a distance, causing much amusement to the spectators who were nice and dry.

The effect of the floodlights was quite good, but the large puddles on the ground gave off a dazzling reflection and caused both spectators and players to lose sight of the ball at times.

SAW LITTLE OF IT

The forwards when questioned afterwards said that they saw very little of the ball when it went into a loose maul, and as this happened very often, they must have had in some ways an annoying game.

The thrills also had a complaint, to the effect that if they kicked ahead they were liable to lose sight of their own kick.

Definitely these games will be very interesting next year when the Club had had the two end stands built and the floodlights are erected on them as this will give the necessary added illumination to the pitch.

This would have been a good game had it not been for the rain, and perhaps one of the

funniest touches was the appearance of the boys at half time, sheltering under umbrellas and carrying a jug of water.

Everyone appeared to think that the players must already have had enough of water but one or two had a drink though no one poured it over himself.

The game started with quite a few laughs as various players measured their length along the field, and the battle raged back and forth as first one side and then the other gained possession.

There was a lot of loose kicking into touch, and in this game that was often the best thing to do. It was not until the 20th minute that the first score came when with the Club attacking they were awarded a penalty outside the 25-yard line and Henderson put the ball, with a nice high kick, between the posts, to give the Club a three-point lead. Play remained in the middle for the rest of the half, with the Bank doing a little pressing.

BECAME OBVIOUS

From the start of the second half it was obvious that the

Bank were out to avenge their first half loss, and they attacked very well and had it not been for the conditions which caused them to handle badly they would have certainly scored.

The Club managed to clear with some good kicking, but the Bank boys returned to the attack and positioned themselves on the Club 10-yard line where they remained for quite a period, and at one point sent their three away on a nice movement. One of the centres attempted a drop at goal, but slipped at the crucial moment.

Finally in the lineout there was an infringement and the Club's kick let them clear the ball safely upfield.

Shortly after this the Club got their three away in a lovely move and Roberts cut through, but passed forward when he lost his balance. The Club were now doing the pressing and in another three moves which, alas, also failed, Harrowes was injured, and had to retire from the field of conflict.

This loss of a man seemed to spur the Bank to greater efforts and, getting their three moving, they got to the Club 10-yard line where they were awarded a penalty, which Craig had little trouble with to level the score at three-all.

A few minutes later the Bank got another kick about 35 yards out and Craig put it high into the air. The Club fumbled, but a Bank player had previously been offside, so the Club were given another chance. The Bank kept up the pressure and Cole got away, kicked the line and found touch on the Club 10-yard line. The Club won the scrum which followed and took the ball at their feet to their own 25 where the Bank were given another kick, and a Club player, finding himself harassed, closely backed the ball over the dead ball line, this resulting in a five-yard scrum.

However, the Club forwards again took the ball at their feet to the half way line, where they were going strongly as the final whistle went.

WELL HANDLED

Great praise must indeed be given to the referee, Surgeon Commander McClelland, who handled a very difficult game very well.

For the Bank both Craig and Peckham were outstanding, while Johnnie Henderson and Roberts were the best of the Club side. The Club won the greater share of the scrums, but in this game that made little difference as the three were almost certain to drop the very slippery ball sooner or later.

From a spectators' point of view, and purely with reference to any future games, I think the number and power of the floodlights should be increased, as it was impossible to distinguish the reason for many of the penalties and scrums which were given, and in the distance it was often very difficult to recognise a particular player.

In fact at times it was difficult to pick out even the two teams by their colours.

The white ball was quite essential, but it might be as well to try one or two other colours, such as orange, or yellow, before any more full games are played.

However the game was well worth the braving of the elements and both sides did very well considering the conditions.

Offer To Cockell
Still Open

Seattle, Washington, Apr. 8. Mr. Jack Hurley, manager of American heavyweight boxer Harry Matthews said today his offer of \$100,000 was still open to British Champion Don Cockell for a return bout here against Matthews when Cockell outpointed last year.

He was commenting on a London report that the British budget cut of only a half penny on entertainment tax had ended hopes of a world title fight in London between Cockell and Rocky Marciano.

By Order of the Stewards,
M. P. B. Secretary.

SPORTING RAM

By Reg. Wootton

Tomorrow's Chances
At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Tenth Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, to be spread over two days, will be held at Happy Valley tomorrow and April 17.

Ten events are down for decision tomorrow, with no change in the time of starting. On Saturday, April 17, there will be 12 races and the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. with the tiffin interval after the fourth race. The first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Tomorrow the best event is the Alveston Handicap in two sections for Class 2 ponies over six furlongs, while on April 17 the main event is the Sassoon Challenge Cup which will be run over the Champion distance by Class 1 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Gordon Handicap: Six Furlongs.

The curtain rises with this sprint event confined to Class 9 ponies. Judging from its second placing in the Salsburg Handicap at the last meeting, Three Stars, which will again be taken out by Mr. Kwok, will probably do better over this distance and a win here is quite possible.

Real opposition should come from Gracechurch (Mr. H. C. Woo) which passed the winning post first and later was disqualified for crossing at the 8th Race Meeting and although entered at the last meeting did not start.

Mr. C. F. Ng will take out Matador and it has been whispered that this pony stands a good chance of scoring a win here.

Al Fresco (Mr. S. W. Tang), with 139 lb. to carry, looks tempting and given a good start is hard to catch up.

SECOND RACE

Knapford Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.

In this event for Class 9 ponies a good race is expected. First Lady (Mr. Yen Ching-lan) is long overdue for a win, although a disappointed loser at the last meeting when it ran unplaced. It should not be neglected, however, as this pony gallops well during morning training over this distance and I cannot see how it can be out of the running.

Benelope (Mr. Teal), although it has not done anything of note yet, is good enough to take second position.

For third place Aesitha (Mr. Chung) and Busy Bee (Mr. Chun Kit) should battle it out.

THIRD RACE

Alveston Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The first lot of Class 3 ponies will form the opposition in this sprint race and from the entries it appears that Straight Forward (Mr. Wei) should have a good chance of winning if it succeeds in getting off quickly on the rise of the barrier.

Otherwise I look to Kentucky Lad (Mr. Ng) as the likely winner. I would like my readers to recall that in the Shaikwan Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting from the two-mile post once round and in, which was won by Babette, Kentucky Lad led right up to the last quarter when it faded out of the picture and ran unplaced.

Beautiful Lie (Mr. Chuang), Squadron Leader (Mr. Kwok), and Emerald (Mr. Teal) have shown improvement in their morning gallops and anyone of them is capable of causing an upset.

FOURTH RACE

Dragon Handicap (First Section): From 2-Mile Post.

The race is confined to 1954 placings with a stipulation that winners and ponies which have won less than \$1,250 in stakes are barred.

Judging by results I expect the finish to revolve into a battle between Clasp (Mr.

Plumbly), Four Aces (Mr. Samarcq), Peachams (Mr. Chuang) and Free Success (Mr. Rosario).

Cirrus came in third in the Pearce Memorial Cup over 1 1/4 miles at the Annual Meeting and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Four Aces, which did extremely well in the Wongsheichong Stakes (First Section) from near the 1 1/2 Mile Post at the Annual Meeting when it was beaten into second place by a narrow margin.

For the third position Peachams is my choice.

Free Success is the likely outsider.

FIFTH RACE

Alveston Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second lot of Class 2 ponies will fight out the issue and there should be an interesting finish.

Norseman (Mr. Plumbly) and Creekjerker (Mr. Chuang), which came in third and fourth in the Shaikwan Handicap (First and Second Section) at the last meeting will figure in the finish for main honours in this race with the former as my fancy for the first position.

Kentucky Lady (Mr. Ng) is good over this distance and this pony is liable to cause an upset here.

For a long shot I suggest keeping Star-glo (Mr. Kwok) in mind.

SIXTH RACE

Dragon Handicap (Second Section): From 2-Mile Post.

In this race for the second batch of 1954 ponies, Spinning Wheel (Mr. Oliveira) has a good opportunity of scoring a win in view of its performance in the Mount Parker Stakes (Second Section) at the 8th Race Meeting over this distance when it came in fourth.

King A (Mr. H. C. Pih) is about the next best in this crowd and, although it ran unplaced the last time out, it has been showing improved form lately. It will give Spinning Wheel a keen fight at the finish.

Eagle King (Mr. Gregory) is improving in its track work during morning gallops.

Manx Penny (Mr. Samarcq) and Barometer (Mr. S. W. Tang) should also receive some consideration, especially the former which is not bad over this distance.

SEVENTH RACE

Breezy Handicap: From 1 1/2-Mile Post.

Class 5 ponies will battle out the finish in this sprint race. For its effort in winning the Tai Hong Handicap over the mile at the last meeting, Santa Claus (Mr. Samarcq) will have to carry 3 lb. more. Despite this extra burden, however, I still think it has a good chance of scoring its third successive win unless it has a bad start.

Adorable Ada (Mr. Chuang) has been penalized by 6 lb. for its second placing in the Matuwei Handicap at the last meeting with Mr. Teal up. As it is fast over short distances I expect to see it fairly near at the finish.

Ben Ledl (Mr. Teal) is not bad for this sprint event and should not be treated lightly although it failed to gain a place the last time out on account of boring out. Should it behave itself tomorrow afternoon, a win from this combination would not surprise.

For those who are on the lookout for an outsider, I suggest Phoenix (Mr. C. A. Lee).

EIGHTH RACE

United Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.

Huntington (Mr. Plumbly) has impressed in early morning gallops and private reports on this pony are most encouraging. It should win again after its narrow victory over Atomic Caesar over the mile at the 7th Race Meeting with Mr. Boycott up.

Another pony which should be in the line-up is Bright Boy, the winner of the Tunglowan Handicap at the last meeting, provided novice rider H. K. Hung is able to guide the pony well throughout.

Firestone (Mr. Samarcq) is in the condition at the moment and should have some say at the finish.

Probability (Mr. Wei) and United Victory (Mr. C. F. Ng) are two good outsiders to follow and, properly ridden, either can cause an upset here.

NINTH RACE

Lyndhurst Handicap: Six Furlongs.

In this race one will not have to go far to pick the winner among these four—Comet (Mr. Oliveira), Rebel II (Mr. Samarcq), Hurry On (Mr. Kwok) and Atomic Caesar (Mr. Starr Lid).

Comet has been knocking at the door of success for some time and with better conditioning and with a bit of luck should make it this time.

Rebel II's last win was recorded in the Mount Gough Handicap at the 8th Race Meeting when it beat Mournie by 3/4 lengths with Mr. Travert up. Back in form, it should be very close at the finish.

Hurry On is on edge and should provide stiff opposition here.

An impressive Atomic Caesar can be counted upon to give a good account of itself and the odds should be most attractive.

TENTH RACE

Rednaxela Handicap: One Mile.

Logical choice in the last race of the afternoon for Class 5 ponies is Marine Charger (Mr. Samarcq). A win is certainly coming up for this well-conditioned pony. It will not come as a surprise if it will win by a comfortable margin over Air Power (Mr. H. C. Chuang) and The Stranger (Mr. Alex Lam).

Cloppara (Mr. Botelho) has been acting very frisky during morning exercise and is capable of furnishing an upset.

For a big dividend take a shot at Privato (Mr. F. Noody).

Home Rugger
Results

London, Apr. 8.
Results of rugby matches played today were:

RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow 31, Liverpool City 11.
Oldham 7, Warrington 7.

RUGBY UNION

Bath 12, Clifton 6.
Gloucester 6, Cheltenham 9.
Llanelli 5, Ebbw Vale 3.
Pontypool 14, Treorchy 0.
Newton Abbot 0, Abertawe 22.
—Reuter.

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

All The Underdogs
Covered Themselves
With Glory

By "ARGONAUT"

All the underdogs covered themselves with glory even though they managed to pull off only one major upset in the Colony Junior Badminton Championship matches at Tai Koo last night.

Topping these fine performances was that of Schoolboys' runner-up E. Marquez-Lim who eliminated Schoolboys' Champion Ko Wai-bong in three hard-fought sets by 9-15, 15-11 and 15-10.

Seeded fourth in the tournament, Ko was the second of the four seeded players to fall by the wayside, the only survivors now being F. Rosario and Johnny Pomeroy, Jr.

Both players yesterday produced a high standard of badminton, with Marquez-Lim giving a vastly-improved display to that shown by him in the Schoolboys' final when he lost to Ko in two straight sets.

A grand fighting spirit, a strong smash and a brainy game were the major factors in his victory.

Ko played his usual all-round game, but showed evident signs of having been out of practice with repeated errors which were further intensified by his insistence on trying to pass an opponent at midcourt and his inability to cope with the short services.

The first set saw Ko taking an 8-4 lead after having been held at 4-4. Marquez-Lim passed him at 9-8 after no fewer than nine changeovers of services only to see Ko come back with two further points and complete the set at 15-9.

After trailing behind by 0-3, Ko again took the lead at 8-3, 8-4, 8-4 and 10-7 in the second set. Pluckily holding on and utilising his devastating smashes at every opportunity, Marquez-Lim drew up to 13-11, before losing his service.

Ko failed to score on his service and Marquez-Lim took the set with two good smashes.

SEVEN IN A ROW

Marquez-Lim took a 5-0 lead in the third set, but Ko suddenly struck a brilliant spell in which he reeled off seven points in a row.

Both refused to give way at this stage as the service changed hands seven times before Marquez-Lim chalked up three points to lead by 8-7.

Some brilliant rallies were seen at this juncture and the score was deadlocked at 8-8 and 9-9.

A series of smashes, however, enabled Marquez-Lim to break the deadlock and score five points in a row to lead by 14-9. A smash gave Ko his tenth and last point as Marquez-Lim completed the set and match on his next service from a drop error by Ko.

ANOTHER THRILLER

Another thrilling match that produced an equally high standard was the doubles encounter between the seeded combination of P. V. Yap and M. A. Ebrahim and St. Teresa's, J. C. Koh and Johnny Pomeroy, Jr.

Powerful smashing and top-speed rallies featured the three-set match which ended in a narrow win for Yap and Ebrahim of 15-11, 15-11 and 15-10.

With both sides playing a strong offensive game, the issue hinged on the ability of the players to attack and it was this slight advantage enjoyed by Yap and Ebrahim, when they adhered strictly to a front-back combination, that enabled them to pull through.

In the other singles match of the evening, R. C. Yung fully extended his more fancied opponent, Hooi Seng-tuck, before losing by 15-15 and 12-15.

Yung surprised both his opponent and the crowd by setting a terrific pace and smashing from all corners of the court. He held a commanding lead of 12-4 in the second set, but completely exhausted himself by this time, and Hooi Seng-tuck raced through to 15-14 for set and match.

In the other two remaining matches, both the Men's "C" Division pairs of B. A. Xavier and A. Rosa and Frank Yeh and Junior Castro, put up a more than creditable display.

Xavier and Rosa extended top-seeded Jimmy Ku and Albert Tam to two close sets, and Castro and Frank Yeh gave second seeded Billy Soares and Bernard Brown a rugged time before conceding the match by 13-18 and 10-15.

THE SCORES

Men's Singles
Hooi Seng-tuck beat K. C. Wong 15-11, 15-12.
Ed Marquez-Lim beat Ko Wai-bong 9-15, 15-11, 15-10.

Men's Doubles

Jimmy Ku & Albert Tam beat Basilio Xavier & Albert Rosa 18-16, 17-14.

Billy Soares & Bernard Brown beat Junior Castro & Frank Yeh 18-13, 15-10.
P. V. Yap & M. A. Ebrahim beat Junior Pomeroy & J. C. Koh 15-11, 8-15, 15-10.

TODAY'S GAMES

At CCC
7.30 p.m. Men's Doubles: R. A. Remedios & Robert Nunes v C. Y. Sam & W. N. Cheung.

8 p.m. Men's Doubles: Martin Wong & Louis Sousa v Soares & Brown.

8.30 p.m. Men's Singles: M. A. Ebrahim v Basilio Xavier.

9 p.m. Men's Doubles: S. K. Wong & Siu Chuen v P. C. Chau & Fung Kam-pang.

9.30 p.m. Men's Singles: Albert Rosa v Junior Pomeroy.

DR. YLANAN
EXPLAINS

Manila, Apr. 9.
Dr. Regino Ylanan, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, told Agence France-Presse last night that the selection committee of the Philippine Immigration Bureau will meet on Saturday to take up the visa question concerning the delayed arrival here of Hongkong schoolboy football interlopers.

Dr. Ylanan explained that PAAF submitted the list of Hongkong players for the student interport match to the immigration authorities the day after the list was received from the Crown Colony earlier this week.

Dr. Ylanan also discounted the possibility that the Hongkong team might not be able to book passage on another date, pointing out that it was still too early for Asian Games delegates from participating countries to be coming to Manila.

An Agence France-Presse dispatch from Hongkong said yesterday that air passage from Hongkong to Manila was fully booked, weeks in advance because of the coming Asian Games here.

Dr. Ylanan added that if the Hongkong players can arrive here tomorrow, their series of games can commence on Sunday with the interport match, France-Presse.

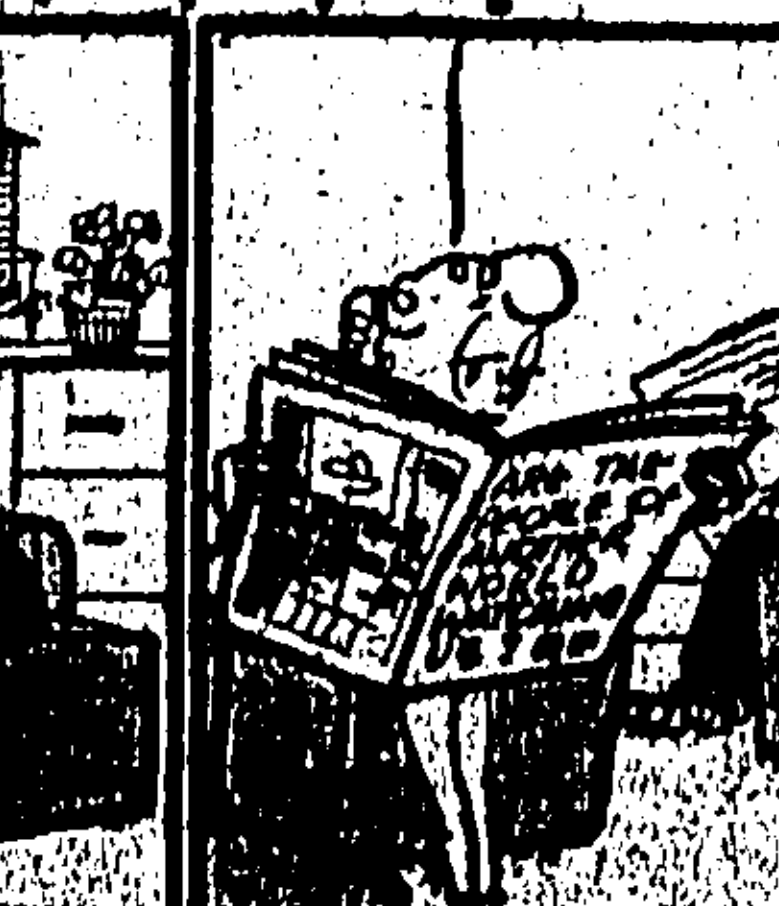
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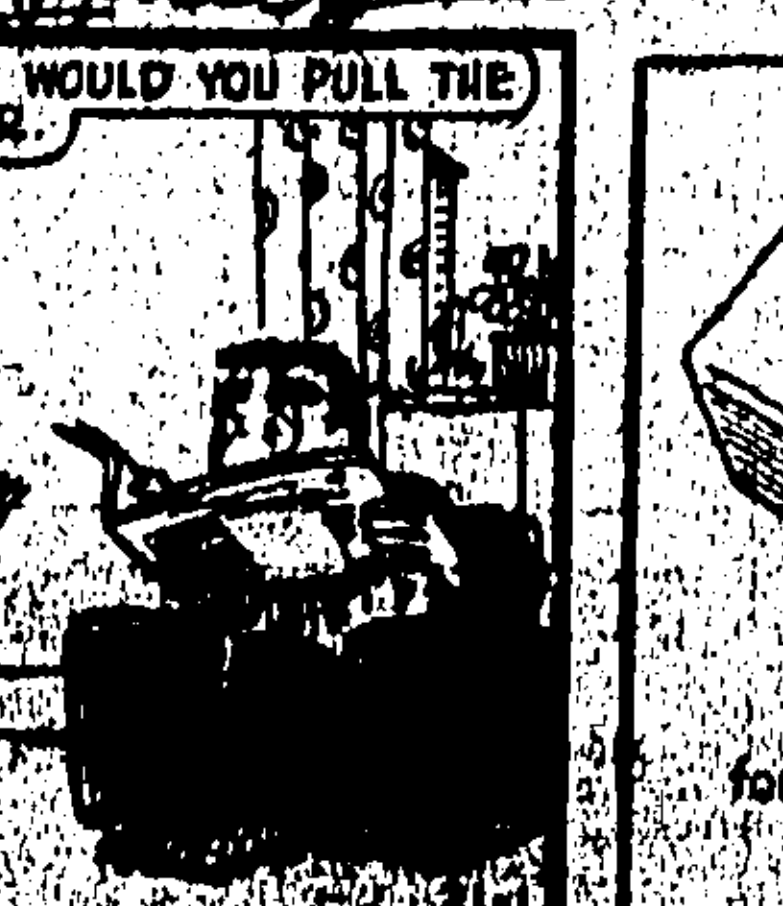
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More Exports Of Rubber To Japan Predicted

Singapore, Apr. 8. Japan's "rubber relations" with Malaya are now cordial, and trade in this commodity between the two countries should increase in scale, a member of the visiting seven-man Japanese rubber mission Mr. T. Omenka said today.

The mission left for Tokyo after making a six-week survey of rubber producing areas in South-East Asia.

Mr. Omenka predicted that Japan would buy more rubber from Malaya this year than last year because of improved Malayan packing and grading. He said he expected Japan to import about 100,000 tons of rubber from Malaya and Indonesia this year.

The Chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce Rubber Association Mr. L. G. Salmond, said yesterday he hoped the political situation would improve sufficiently soon to justify the resumption of the rubber trade with Communist China.

In the meantime the American rubber policy dominated the scene from the short term point of view. In the long term the best estimates based on normal progressive consumption and maximum output of all rubbers predicted a shortage by 1958.

Referring to the progressive decline in the price of rubber, Mr. Salmond said that perhaps the worst might be over.

An increase in the level of the synthetic rubber price would be the quickest and the most practical method of assistance to South-East Asia, he added.—United Press.

Dog Saved Her Life—And His Own

Copenhagen, Apr. 8. The Olsen old family sheep dog, Smut, saved their eight-year-old daughter's life when she fell into a mudhole at Sørum near Hillerød and—incidentally his own. Smut alighted his forepaws into the hole when little Annegrethe sank out of her depth so that she could catch hold of his collar. Then he gradually drew her backwards until she could scramble out to firm land. He did not know that when he did so the family had decided to have him destroyed because of his age. The sentence has now been quashed.—China Mail Special.

King Wanted To Cut Costs

Plans for building the £2,100,000 sterling Royal yacht, Britannia, were rushed ahead in 1951 because it was hoped sea voyages would help the ailing King George VI to recover his health. It was disclosed today.

The former Royal yacht, the Victoria and Albert, built in 1899, was by then an old hulk. Britain's Director of Naval Construction, Sir Victor Shephard, added that both King George and later Queen Elizabeth had been in the vessel for cutting costs in building the Britannia.

He was giving a lecture to Naval architects here today. The cost of the 4,715-ton vessel has been strongly criticised by some members of Parliament.—China Mail Special.

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Critical Stage In Talks

P.I.-Japanese War Reparations

Manila, Apr. 8. The Philippines Vice-President and concurrent Foreign Minister Carlos Garcia said here last night Philippine-Japanese negotiations on war reparations had entered the "most critical period."

But Mr. Garcia said he hoped the two countries would reach a "mutually-acceptable" solution.

The Vice-President made this statement after discussing the reparations problem with President Ramon Magsaysay and two other high ranking Government officials.

He refused to elaborate on it, but observers believed Mr. Garcia was referring to the resolution filed by Senator Claro M. Recto on Monday asking for a rejection of the Japanese peace treaty and the cessation of friendly relations with Japan.

These observers said if the present negotiations on reparations should fail, the Philippines Senate may pass Senator Recto's resolution which Mr. Garcia fears may affect Philippine commerce.

Mr. Katsumi Ohno, Chief of the Japanese Diplomatic Mission to the Philippines, will confer with Vice-President Garcia on the Philippines' demand for \$2,000,000,000 reparations from Japan at the Foreign Office today.

Mr. Ohno arrived here yesterday morning from Tokyo with what usually reliable sources said, a revised Japanese offer for a settlement of the problem. The Japanese Minister, however, refused to comment on the reported new proposal.—Reuter.

London, Apr. 8. Mr. Morgan Phillips, General Secretary of the British Labour Party, warned at Eastbourne today that a general election "must come reasonably soon." "We should not be misled by rumours and we should be ready for an election," he told the National Conference of Labour Women.—Reuter.

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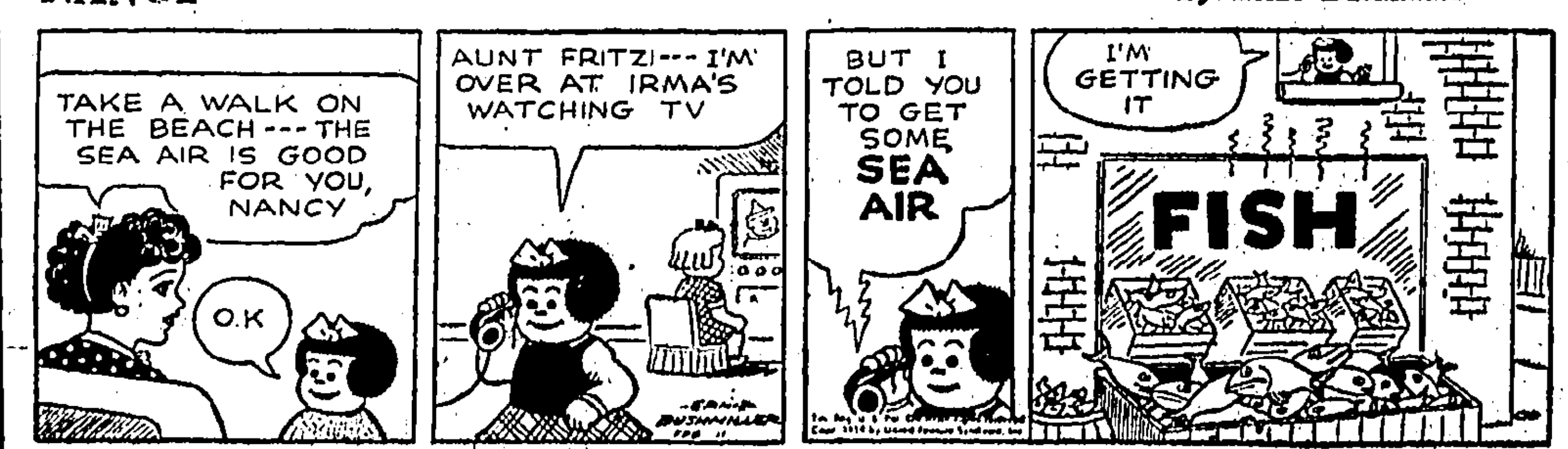
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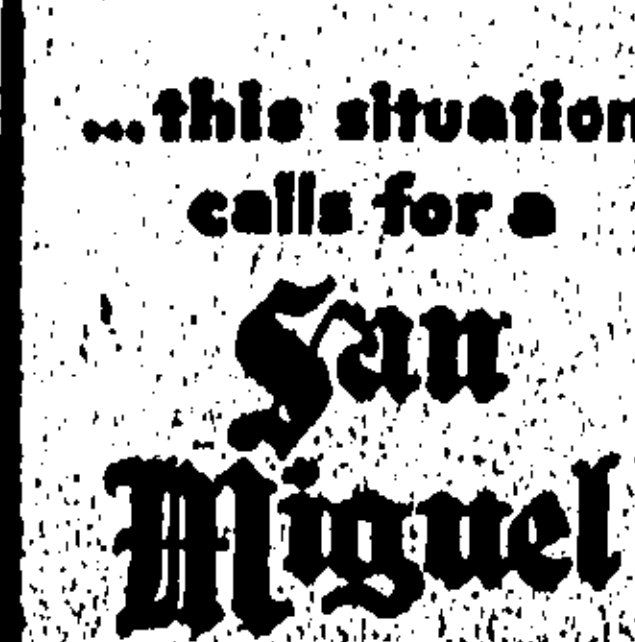
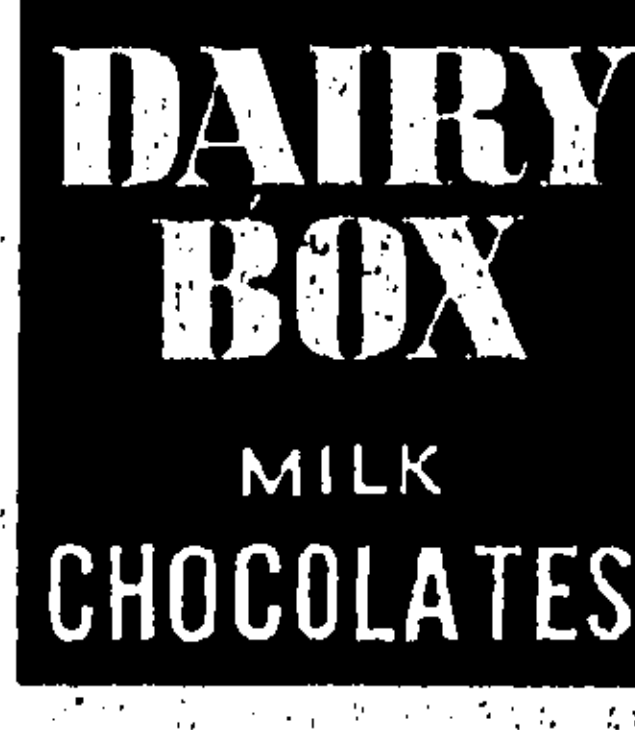
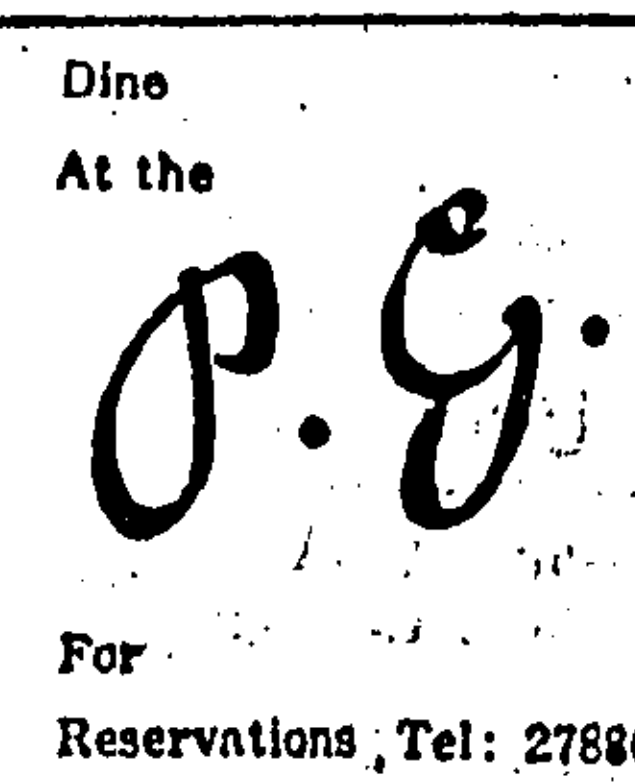
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

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Ike Encouraged By Trend In US Economy

Washington, Apr. 8. President Eisenhower reported today that the unemployment cycle shows very definite signs of flattening out.

He also told his news conference he finds other day-to-day sources of encouragement in the economic picture.

Government economists said record high new construction expenditures rose to a record \$7,283,000,000 for the first three months of this year, about \$100,000,000 more than for the same period in the boom year 1953.

NOT STATIC

Mr. Eisenhower said that while the American economy is not a static thing, he finds encouragement in March employment and unemployment figures. Total employment rose by 50,000 in March. Unemployment increased by about the same figure, thus appearing to cancel each other.

These figures, the President said, reflect a very definite flattening out of the curve in unemployment.

Furthermore, he said, he and his economic advisers have found other encouraging signs from day to day. He added that the Government remains instantly ready to give these signs of improvement a boost whenever possible and whenever needed.—United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

FREE AGAIN

THE prison lay on the outskirts of a grey, northern city, whose charms take some time to discover and whose people take a long time to get to know. Edward, when the prison gates shut behind him, and he stood once more on the brink of freedom, took one look at his surroundings, and hurried quickly south to more familiar territory.

He came to London. A slightly-built, pale man, to whom a prematurely white hair lent an air of distinction. As soon as he arrived in London, Edward, who has 20 convictions, made his way to Scotland Yard.

COURTESY CALL
WHAT his purpose was in going there, we do not know. A courtesy call of some kind, no doubt. At any rate, after an exchange of pleasantries, the police bade him good morning and he went off and got a job as a porter.

There was only one drawback to the job, but that was a serious one. Edward's new employers were not prepared to pay him his first week's wages until he had completed his first week's work.

As he roamed the streets of the West End and watched those lucky ones who had money to spend, bitterness overwhelmed Edward. It filled him with an unreasonable fury to see, as he presently did, a police car drawn up in a side-street and two policemen sitting comfortably inside listening to the crackling radio programme being put out by Scotland Yard.

GO AWAY, GO AWAY
EDWARD went up to the car and let off a stream of abuse through its open window. "Go away, go away," the police said.

But Edward stood his ground and his voice grew louder and a crowd began to gather, vastly interested. At last the police arrested Edward and drove him to the station in the car.

Next morning, at Bow Street, he was found guilty of using insulting words, likely to cause a breach of the peace.

He was discharged conditionally, and told to talk to the probation officer, who advised him to return to his work, and when it was over for the day, come back to the court, where he would be fixed up with somewhere to live and some means of eating, until he should draw his first pay. Edward went off.

BACK ONCE MORE
BUT after his day's work was over, Edward, instead of calling on the probation officer again, went to another philanthropic organisation and there threatened to smash the place up if they did not at once give him all he demanded. The police were called. Next morning, at Bow Street, Edward

was found guilty of using threatening behaviour, and Mr. R. H. Blundell, the magistrate, remanded him for a medical examination.

The doctors reported that Edward was perfectly sane, and when he had read their report, Mr. Blundell asked Edward what he wanted to say in explanation of his odd behaviour.

"It was only because I wanted to see you, I done this," he answered.

ANOTHER CHANCE
THAT'S absurd thing to say," said Mr. Blundell. "I thought your behaviour was so extraordinary there must be something wrong with your mind, but there is nothing wrong with it."

"It sounds rather absurd to do it, but I'm going to give you another chance. You will be discharged conditionally."

"Thank you, sir," said Edward briskly, as if he had expected no less, and he went off looking almost cheerful.

Hongkong Girl Arrested

Manila, Apr. 9. Immigration agents yesterday arrested a Chinese girl swimmer from Hongkong who oversteered here and whose disappearance caused the arrest of Chinese resident Than Tat on charges of concealing and harbouring her.

The Chinese girl, Then Chu-yang was arrested as she was preparing to leave her new unregistered residence. Agents arresting her said that she arrived here in October 1953.

The Immigration Bureau will rush the departure of Tsen before April 15, since her re-entry permit for Hongkong expires on that date.

The Deputy Immigration Commissioner Mr. Francisco Dela Rosa said that he would proceed with deportation proceedings against Than Tat to determine his culpability in the girl's disappearance from her registered address in the northern Manila district.

France-Press.

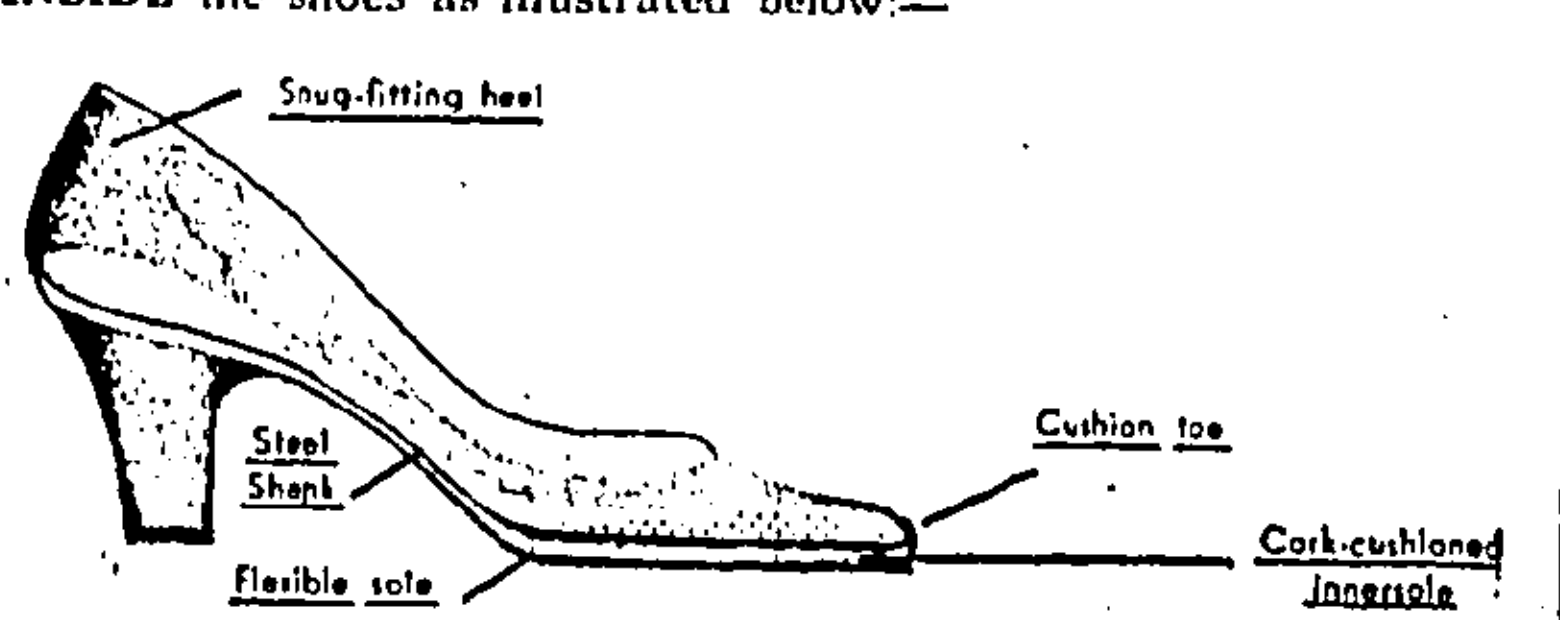
TITO OFF TO TURKEY
Belgrade, Apr. 8. Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia left by sea for Turkey today where he will be guest of Mr. Celal Bayar, President of Turkey.

The Yugoslav Government had imposed a new blackout on the visit, which an official said would symbolise Yugoslav-Turkish friendship as members of the Balkan Pact.

President Tito is due to visit Greece, third member of the pact, later this year.—Reuter.

An Economist Is A Shrewd Buyer

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Japan And The Indo-China War

Tokyo, Apr. 8. The Japanese Diet today plunged into a "serious discussion" on the question of possible Japanese intervention in the Indo-China war.

Socialist legislators pressed for an answer to the big question of whether Japan had received any messages from the United States concerning intervention. They also wanted to know whether Japanese troops would be sent to Indo-China should the Red Chinese openly enter the war.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, said that it was up to Japan to decide on her own whether she would enter the war, and that no foreign nation would tell her what to do.

Mr. Okazaki said that his Government had not been fully informed of the proposed contents of a joint communique warning Red China not to enter the Indo-China war, which is under study in the capitals of major free world powers.

SEEK CLARIFICATION

He said that Japanese diplomats overseas had been instructed to investigate the report and to seek more clarification on the question of a united free world against the Red threat.

Mr. Okazaki said that his Government had not held talks with any foreign government concerning intervention in the Southeast Asia hot spot.

He stressed that the Mutual Assistance Pact, recently signed by Japan and the United States, did not in any way oblige Japan to send her forces abroad.

He stated that should the United Nations decide upon some joint action, the Japanese probably would co-operate in some way short of actually sending ground forces into battle. He said that the Japanese could permit United Nations forces to pass through Japan and give them some assistance similar to those granted during the Korean war.—United Press.

BEVAN'S COMMENT

Dudley, Apr. 9. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, leader of the British Labour Party's left wing, said here last night that Britain should tell the United States that she was "not going to join in a sort of holy war against the extension of Communism in Southeast Asia or anywhere else."

He told a Labour Party rally: "We feel bound to tell our American friends that the utterances of some American statesmen are causing deep disquiet in Britain."

He said that with the hydrogen bomb the world had arrived at a position where resorting to military action as a way of settling disputes between nations was not only an act of mass murder but an act of mass suicide.

"We shall still have international disputes but if we resort to war to settle them, we won't be there afterwards. The H-bomb has settled that," he declared.

"If an H-bomb were dropped over the English Channel, Western Europe, including Great Britain, would cease to exist as a civilised entity, he continued.

The verdict of war was now worse than the consequences of any quarrel between the nations. A new way of settling disputes must be found.—Reuter.

TO PAY A STATE VISIT

King Gustav Adolf and Queen Louise of Sweden, are to pay a state visit to England in June.

It will be the first state visit during Queen Elizabeth's reign. An announcement from Buckingham Palace tonight said that the King and Queen of Sweden have accepted an invitation from the Queen to pay a state visit to London from Monday, June 28, until Thursday July 1.

King Gustav Adolf who is 71 succeeded to the throne in 1950. His queen is the former Lady Louise Mountbatten, daughter of the First Marquess of Milford Haven. She is an aunt of the Duke of Edinburgh.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE FOR HK WOOLLEN GLOVES DEFENDED

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I want a rug for our television room—something that will blend nicely with cigar ashes and beer!"

Communist Spy Trial Disclosures

London, Apr. 8. A Communist spy trial defendant testified in Tirana, Albania, yesterday that former King Zog of Albania sent him into the country on an espionage mission after conferring with General MacArthur and Senator Taft in America.

Radio Tirana broadcast blow-by-blow proceedings of the trial of eight "criminal diversionist bandits" accused of parachuting into Albania on orders of "American imperialists."

One of the eight, Zemel Shehu, was called to describe his dealings with ex-King Zog in the trial's second day at a Tirana movie house yesterday.

Shehu said Zog went to the United States in the summer of 1951 "under the pretext of buying a house" but "it was clear he contacted American espionage."

The broadcast, monitored in London, carried this exchange between prosecutor and witness: "Whom did he meet there?" "He met in America General MacArthur and Senator Taft and another whose name I do not remember."

"Allow me, comrade chairman, with which General MacArthur?" "The former commander of the American forces in Korea."

Shehu said one of the co-defendants told him "I do not know what they talked about, but when they departed, General MacArthur was quite satisfied."

The witness, who testified that he left Albania before World War II, said Zog sent him on a "top secret and a very important" mission from Cairo where the exiled King was staying. He and his companions travelled via Marseilles and Paris, France, West Germany and Greece, Shehu said, in the care of an American colonel in civilian clothes.—United Press.

Germ Warfare Tests

Kingston, Jamaica, Apr. 9. The converted British tank landing ship Ben Lomond will leave here on Sunday for top secret germ warfare defence trials in Bahamas waters.

"Operation Cauldron" will be held in an undisclosed area well outside of shipping routes at least 20 miles from any inhabited island.

Announcing the forthcoming tests on March 11, the Minister of Supply, Mr. Duncan Sandys, said in London the decision had been taken after full consultation with and with the full co-operation of the local authorities.

The Caribbean has been chosen for the trials because the climate is more suitable than off the Scottish coast, where tests have been carried out in recent years.

The grey-hulled Ben Lomond, fitted out as a laboratory ship, is staffed by specialists from a germ warfare station near Salisbury, England.

Main object of "Operation Cauldron" is to study the precautions which would be needed should bacteriological warfare be used against Britain. It is believed animals will be used in the tests.—Reuter.

NO KNOWLEDGE OF REPORT

Washington, Apr. 8. A Defence Department spokesman said today that he knew nothing at all about a published report that the Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, had ordered "all available" American planes in the Far East to Indo-China.

One military official said that if the report meant to say that the Far East Air Force of the US was being stripped to reinforce the French Union forces, it was "nonsense"—United Press.

Issue Debated In The House Of Commons

London, Apr. 9. A Government spokesman in the House of Commons last night defended the policy of allowing imports under Imperial preference of woollen gloves from Hongkong.

Mr. Derick Heathcoat-Amory, Minister of State at the Board of Trade, said Britain had to bear in mind the needs of Hongkong, with its increased population and its traditional trade with the Chinese mainland severely disrupted.

Mr. Heathcoat-Amory was replying to a short debate on a motion for adjournment to Mr. John Peyton, Conservative member for Yeovil, in Somerset, centre of Britain's glove-making industry.

Mr. Peyton had suggested that the steep rise in imported woollen gloves from Hongkong was seriously threatening the home industry.

Recalling that 184,059 dozen woollen gloves were imported from Hongkong last year, Mr. Peyton said the imported cost to the wholesaler here was 30 shillings and two pence a dozen. Labour costs alone in manufacturing the British home product was 43 shillings and three pence. Under Imperial preference the imported glove bore less tax.

In Hongkong 60 hours a week were worked for about a third less wages than in Britain.

Mr. Peyton said if Imperial preferences were going to work properly, the Government should take precautions to see that they did not become a racket with Chinese goods being imported via Hongkong.

In his reply, Mr. Heathcoat-Amory said the Government had no evidence whatever to suggest that gloves other than those made in Hongkong had qualified for Imperial preference.

"We know of none which have been imported from Japan or China into Hongkong, and subsequently sent here," he said.

The Government could not justify the use of quotas to restrict the import of gloves from the sterling Common-

wealth, he added.

"That could only be justified to safeguard Britain's balance of payments difficulties, but now there were none with Hongkong."

Any change in policy regarding the entry of Commonwealth products would have far-reaching implications and no action could be taken.

But he would like to know of any goods made outside the Commonwealth coming into Britain under Imperial preference. These would be investigated.

Mr. Heathcoat-Amory said unemployment in the British glove industry was nil or practically so. He had heard of only 13 workers unemployed.—Reuter.

Playgrounds Opening Times

Regulation 13 in the Second Schedule of the Play Areas and Bathing Places Ordinance of 1936, has been rescinded by the Governor in Council, and an amended regulation has replaced it.

The new regulation amends the times during which playgrounds are to be open: from April 1 to September 30, 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from October 1 to March 31, from 7 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

The amendment also provides for a fine of \$100 and imprisonment of one month, which may be imposed on any person who acts in contravention of the regulations.

Naturalisation

The privileges of British Naturalisation has been conferred on the following, it was announced in the Government Gazette today: Mrs. Ekaterina Mikhailovna Yatskin (housewife); Mr. Woo Siu-chue (merchant); Mr. N.N. Grudov (merchant); Mr. R.P. Alarcon (musician).

Rediffusion Directors Resign

It was confirmed by Dr. the Hon. S. N. Chan, this morning that he had resigned his positions as Chairman of the Board of Directors and acting Managing Director of Rediffusion (HK) Ltd.

It is also understood that two other directors, the Hon. Dhun Rutonjee and Mr. D. B. Evans, have also resigned.

No reasons have been given.

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Philippines, 10 a.m.
Burma, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface
Formosa, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Noon
Burma, 10 a.m.
U.S.A., Central & South America, 1 p.m.
Canada, 1 p.m.
Malaya, India, 2 p.m.
China, Peoples Republic, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

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Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.05, Contact-A Radio Magazine for 40th Anniversary with News, Views, Stories and Music produced by Rosemary Richards (Recorded); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio; 7.00, 20 prepared by S. K. Lee assisted by Stella Bray and Lee Wai-lin (Recorded); 7.45, Jack Hartley's Little Orch., with Owen Brannigan (Recorded); 8.00, The Melodrama Orchestra cond. by George Melachrino; 8.30, Twenty Questions from the Concert Hall of Radio Hongkong. Question Master: Patrick Butler, the team: Anne Murray, Brian Lee, Wai-lin, Paddy Sheehan (Recorded); 8.50, Weather Report; 9. Time Signal and News; 9.15, Music from the Radio; 9.30, Special Announcement; 9.45, Short Concert by Fritz La (Cello) accompanied by Moya Sea and Chiu Yee-hin (Piano) (Concert Hall); 9.50, Johnnie Strauss Polka; 10.00, "Looking Back" presented by the British Council (Studio); 10.15, Time Signal; 10.30, Music from the Radio; 10.45, News; 11.00, Weather Report; 11.15, Time Signal; 11.30, Music from the Radio; 11.45, City of Birmingham Orch. cond. by George Wilson, God Save the Queen; 11.50, Close Down.

DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED

Pondicherry, Apr. 8. Sixty volunteers of the Communist-sponsored "United Front" were arrested today when they demonstrated in Pondicherry for the merger of French Indian settlements with the Indian Union.

Eyewitnesses said French Indian military personnel, who assisted armed police in rounding up volunteers, seized the Indian tricolour flags carried by volunteers, trampled them under foot and burned them.—Reuter.

Leaves For Home Furlough

Mr. F. P. Franklin, Managing Director of the South China Morning Post Ltd., sailed today by RMS Corfu for England on six months' home leave.

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